

SAINTS OPEN STRONGLY

In the opening round of Tennis Geelong Section 1 on Saturday St Albans won strongly against Bannockburn to record a 7 sets to 2 victory. The Saints started well winning the first two mixed doubles sets with Julie Golightly, Karen Filippou, Adam Lasky and Ry Davies in fine form. Golightly and Filippou continued on in ladies doubles winning all three sets with Alessia Roso conceding only 3 games in the process. Lasky won his 3 sets for the Saints and with Ry Davies chipping in with 2 sets it proved a great first match for the Saints. Nick LeMaitre was involved in Burn's only 2 sets for the day.

Overall St Albans too good winning 7 sets 50 games to Bannockburn 2 sets 27 games.

TEESDALE HOME OVER GROVE

Newcomer to Section 1 Tennis Geelong, Teesdale had a hard fought first up win over Grovedale on Saturday by 5 sets to 4. Teesdale got away to a great start by winning all 3 mixed doubles sets and only conceded 6 games in doing so. Brodie Young, Jake Dunn and Jayson Tomicic played strongly for the Teesdale side winning 2 sets each. A turning point in the match was 1st men's with Young and Dunn surprising the strong Dale combination of Jeremy Palmer-Morgan and Grant Thompson by taking the set in a tiebreak.

Dale's ladies kept them in the match with Bianca Duff, Abbie Walker and Zoe Duff winning all 3 ladies doubles sets; however, Dunn and Tomicic sealed the match for Teesdale with a runaway win over Thompson and Braeden Lubcke in the final set of the day.

Final score – Teesdale 5 sets 43 games to Grovedale 4 sets 37 games.

PONDS PUSH LAWN

In the final match in Section 1 on Saturday, Waurm Ponds pushed Geelong Lawn all the way in its loss by 6 sets to 3. Mathew Holschier and Samir Ali led the way for Lawn, winning all their 3 sets in a strong display and with Nathan Quick took out all 3 men's doubles sets in fine style. Olivia Rich and Taylah Mielczarek won 2 sets each to see Lawn home.

For the Ponds Georgia Kelly was outstanding, winning all her 3 sets and Ponds' only sets for the afternoon.

Overall – Geelong Lawn defeated the younger Waurm Ponds side by 6 sets 46 games to 3 sets 39 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER – St Albans 9 points, Geelong Lawn 8, Teesdale 7, Grovedale 4, Waurm Ponds 3, Bannockburn 2, All Saints Anglican 0.

WINTER PREMIERS AWAY TO GOOD START

Winter premiers Hamlyn Park are away to a good start in Section 2 Tennis Geelong on Saturday, taking out the first match in summer pennant against arch rivals Clifton Springs by 5 sets to 1. The Park team of Robert and Tony Lazic, Jozef Horvat and Robert Arzanovski played strongly throughout, dropping only one set, the 4th set of the day, to Springs' Greg Luke and Dave Lowe.

Hamlyn Park has set the bench mark once again and proved too strong for Clifton Springs, winning 4 sets 33 games to 1 set 21 games.

SHELL PUSHED BY JAN JUC

Shell was pushed all the way by new side Jan Juc in Section 2 tennis on Saturday and although they won by 5 sets to 1, two sets were in tiebreak encounters. The Shell combination of Aaron McLean, Ivan Bosnjak, Ray Edwards and Dylan Vaughan proved a little stronger on the day with the McLean and Vaughan winning the 5th set to love, put the match beyond doubt.

Phil Rich and Ross Johnston won Jan Juc's only set for the day.

Final result – Shell 5 sets 34 games to Jan Juc 1 set 25 games.

OCEAN GROVE TOO GOOD FOR SAINTS

Ocean Grove was at home to St Mary's on Saturday in the final game in Section 2 Tennis Geelong and proved too good, winning 4 sets to 2 and by 11 games.

The Ocean Grove team of Brad Edwards, James Kerr, Jarryd Proctor and David Franks played strongly throughout the match with Franks winning all his 3 sets and Kerr and Proctor chipping in with 2 sets each.

For the Saints, Peppe Scorpo was a standout winning the Saints' only 2 sets for the afternoon.

Final score – Ocean Grove 4 sets 34 games to St Mary's 2 sets 23 games.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Hamlyn Park 7 points, Shell 7, Ocean Grove 6, St Mary's 2, Jan Juc 1, Clifton Springs 1.

HEIGHTS DOMINATE NEWCOMB

Tennis Geelong has split the strong men's competition into 2 sections, section 2 and 3, and on Saturday Wandana Heights dominated Newcomb in Section 3 to win 5 sets to 1.

The Brushfields, James and Ben, along with Ben Jones and Danny McGlade outplayed Newcomb in a strong showing in the opening match of the season. Jonathon Zarb and Alex Olney won Newcomb's only set for the day.

Final result – Wandana Heights 5 sets 33 games to Newcomb 1 set 20 games.

RIVER WASH DALE AWAY

Little River was away to Grovedale on Saturday in Tennis Geelong Section 3 and wash Dale away by 5 sets to 1 in a great start to the season.

River's men of Fraser Richmond, Simon Day, Youan Sunassee and Nicholas Farrugia were up to it on Saturday and got the job done, although a couple of sets went down to the wire.

Dale's Ben Flynn and Michael Muratori won their only set for the day.

Overall Little River too good, winning 5 sets 34 games to Grovedale 1 set 25 games.

LAWN WINS WELL OVER HIGHTON

Geelong Lawn won well over Highton in the final game in Section 3 on Saturday by 4 sets to 2. The Mitchell men Toby and Ryan along with Jamie Crouch and Lucas Cameron played consistently throughout winning 2 sets each for Lawn in a strong display.

Highton's only 2 sets for the day came late with Michael Doherty, Stan Kenyon and the Parkinson men Ryan and Ross taking out the last 2 sets.

Overall Geelong Lawn 4 sets 31 games to Highton 2 sets 23 games.

SECTION 3 LADDER - Wandana Heights 7 points, Little River 7, Geelong Lawn 6, Highton 2, Grovedale 1, Newcomb 1.