LAWN EQUAL TOP AFTER CLOSE VICTORY

In the match of the day on Saturday in Section 1 Tennis Geelong, All Saints Anglican hosted Geelong Lawn and in a thrilling match Lawn won narrowly by 1 set and 1 game to be equal top with St Albans after three rounds.

In a see-sawing match Ari Levinson was the difference between the teams, winning all his sets for Lawn including the match-winning last set of the day in a tiebreak with Michael Jiang. Jiang along with Brooke Chiller added great support taking out 2 sets each in fine style for Lawn.

For the Saints, Ash Andrews and Carly McClelland and Matthew Fisher were outstanding performers by winning 2 sets each. Fisher had a great day for the Saints, defeating top player Mathew Holschier in 2 of their 3 sets encounters.

Overall – Geelong Lawn got home taking the match by 5 sets 45 games to All Saints Anglican 4 sets 44 games.

DALE OUTPLAY PONDS

Grovedale at home in the final match in Section 1 Tennis Geelong outplayed Waurn Ponds on Saturday winning the encounter by 7 sets to 2. Bianca Duff, Braeden Lubcke and Jeremy Palmer-Morgan had a day out for Dale winning all their sets, with Duff conceding only 6 games for the day, Lubcke 8 and Palmer-Morgan 11, in a match-winning effort. They had great support from Abbie Walker and Jared Bromley each winning 2 sets to make sure of a Grovedale victory.

Georgia Kelly was a standout for the Ponds being involved in winning their only 2 sets for the day. Final score line – Grovedale 7 sets 51 games to Waurn Ponds 2 sets 30 games.

TEESDALE BRINGS BANNOCKBURN BACK TO EARTH

Teesdale travelled to their neighbour Bannockburn on Saturday in Section 1 Tennis and brought the Burn back to earth with a strong 6 sets to 3 victory to move into 3rd position on the ladder. The Burn, following their good win over Geelong Lawn last round found Teesdale too strong overall.

The Teesdale ladies dominated with Ramona Mataruga winning 3 sets and Carolyn McGann and Melanie McClelland 2 sets each. Nathan Mayes and Brodie Young chipped in with 2 sets each to ensure a Teesdale victory.

For the Burn Nick Vicary was a standout winning 2 sets; however Teesdale after winning the opening 4 sets of the day went on to win 6 sets 52 games to Bannockburn 3 sets 37 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER – St Albans 18 points, Geelong Lawn 18, Teesdale 17, Bannockburn 13, All Saints Anglican 13, Grovedale 13, Waurn Ponds 7.

PARK TOO STRONG FOR SHELL

In the match of the round in Section 2 Tennis Geelong on Saturday Hamlyn Park proved too strong for Shell and recorded a comfortable 4 sets to 2 victory. For Park the Lazic men, Tony and Robert, along with Jozef Horvat, took charge of the match with Robert winning all his sets and Tony and Horvat 2 sets each to make sure the match belonged to Park.

Dylan Vaughan was the main stay for Shell taking out Shell's only 2 sets for the day in a lone effort. Final result – Hamlyn Park 4 sets 31 games to Shell 2 sets 22 games to remain 4th on the ladder.

SAINTS OUTPOINT SPRINGS

Clifton Springs hosted St Mary's in Section 2 Tennis on Saturday and were outpointed by a strong and determined Saints outfit to the tune of 4 sets to 2. For the winners Peter Ficca was in good form winning his 3 sets including a tight tiebreak last set of the day with Adrian Koorn. Peter McDonald and Peter Rodgers offered great support to Ficca taking out 2 sets each in a match-winning performance. Peter Havelberg was Springs best player winning 2 sets; however St Mary's with a strong team effort defeated Clifton Springs by 4 sets 34 games to 2 sets 24 games.

TOP SIDE OCEAN GROVE PUSHED

Ocean Grove travelled to Jan Juc on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis and were pushed all the way by the bottom team and although they won 4 sets to 2 only 5 games separated the teams. For the winners it was an overall team effort with Brad Edwards starring with 3 sets, Jarryd Proctor and Luke Kosmetschke 2 each, to get the team home in a tight encounter.

Sam Rogers was involved in Jan Juc's only 2 sets for the day in an outstanding performance.

Overall Ocean Grove just managed to get home by 4 sets 30 games to Jan Juc 2 sets 25 games to hold down top place.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Ocean Grove 19 points, Shell 15, St Mary's 15, Hamlyn Park 14, Clifton Springs 5, Jan Juc 4.

LAWN SMASH RIVER

Geelong Lawn at home to Little River on Saturday in Section 3 Tennis Geelong smashed River by 6 sets to nil in a one-sided match. The Lawn team of Gianfranco Natale, Ryan Mitchell, Jamie Crouch and Lucas Cameron completely dominated the match in all departments to remain top of Section 3. Final result – Geelong Lawn 6 sets 36 games to Little River 0 sets 15 games.

NEWCOMB ON THE MOVE

A strong Newcomb team at home to Grovedale on Saturday in Section 3 Tennis is on the move up the ladder with a workmanlike demolition of Grovedale by 5 sets to 1 and by 20 games and is now 3rd. The Newcomb team led by Greg Steele and David Kos and with Peter Cullen and Jonathon Zarb were too strong on the day, losing only one set in a tiebreak to Dale's Jason Schoenmaekers and Steven Muratori. Apart from this set only one other set was tightly fought with Newcomb winning the last set in a tiebreak. All other sets were comfortably won by Newcomb in their win by 5 sets 37 games to Grovedale 1 set 17 games.

WANDANA OVER HIGHTON

Wandana Heights held 2nd position on the Section 3 Tennis Geelong ladder with a strong, determined win over Highton on Saturday. The Brushfield boys James and Ben, along with Shane Hamill were outstanding on the day with James winning his 3 sets, Ben and Hamill 2 sets, to get the team home. For Highton Rohan Lynham with 2 sets was their best player; however Wandana Heights 4 sets 31 games defeated Highton 2 sets 24 games.

SECTION 3 LADDER – Geelong Lawn 19 points, Wandana Heights 16, Newcomb 13, Little River 10, Highton 8, Grovedale 6.