

SAINTS MAKE STATEMENT

In the match of the day in Section 1 Tennis Geelong action on Saturday At Albans made a big statement that they will be the team to beat for this season's flag, with a strong determined win over Geelong Lawn by 6 sets to 3. Saints' Alessia Roso and Adam Lasky were dominant winning all their sets and conceding only 8 games in the process in a match-winning performance. They were ably backed up by Karen Filippou and Angela Oldham, winning 2 sets each including all 3 ladies doubles sets.

For Lawn Barry Golightly was involved in 2 of the 3 sets won; however St Albans outplayed Geelong Lawn to win 6 sets 46 games to 3 sets 34 games to extend their lead at the top of the Section 1 ladder.

GROVEDALE WINS IN LAST SET TIEBREAK

Grovedale at home to All Saints Anglican on Saturday in Section 1 won in a cliff-hanger finish when Grant Thompson and Jared Bromley took out the last set in a tiebreak to win the match by 1 set with games even. The 2nd last set was also a tiebreak with Saints' Carly McClelland and Lee Megan winning to put the Saints one game up in the match.

For the winners Thompson led the way in an outstanding performance, winning all his sets and with Jeremy Palmer-Morgan, Bromley and Zoe Duff adding great support, just got the team home.

For the Saints Carly McClelland was a standout winning 3 sets and with Jenelle Findlay 2 sets, kept the Saints in the match. However, in a grand stand finish Grovedale won 5 sets 43 games to All Saints Anglican 4 sets 43 games.

TEESDALE TOO STRONG FOR PONDS

Teesdale has held on to 4th place on the Section 1 Tennis Geelong ladder with a workmanlike solid win over bottom placed Waurin Ponds on Saturday by 6 sets to 3.

Teesdale's Carolyn McGann, Jayson Tomicic, Jordan Tabakovic and Brodie Young opened up in great style winning the opening two mixed doubles sets to love to put Ponds on the back foot right from the start. Tomicic and Young went on to win all their 3 sets and with McGann and Nathan Mayes each winning 2 sets, made sure of a Teesdale victory.

For the Ponds Nicole Mullen and Georgia Kelly won 2 sets each in a strong display.

Final result – Teesdale 6 sets 47 games to Waurin Ponds 3 sets 30 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER – St Albans 37 points, Geelong Lawn 29, All Saints Anglican 27, Teesdale 25, Grovedale 22, Bannockburn 15, Waurin Ponds 10.

GROVE SMASH SHELL

Ocean Grove, top, was away to Shell in Section 2 Tennis Geelong on Saturday and came away with a smashing 6 sets to love victory over the 4th placed Shell team and is now a hot favourite for this season's flag.

Brad Edwards, James Kerr, David Franks and Luke Kosmetscshke won the opening 2 sets in tightly contested encounters for Grove and followed up with excellent wins in the remaining 4 sets to completely outclass Shell. Had Shell won at least one of the opening 2 sets it may have changed the game; however, Ocean Grove too strong defeating Shell by 6 sets 38 games to Shell 0 sets 20 games.

PARK – SAINTS IN THRILLER

Hamlyn Park 3rd, took on St Mary's 2nd, in Section 2 Tennis on Saturday and won a thriller by 4 games with sets even to be equal 2nd on the ladder with the Saints after five rounds.

The Saints won the opening set of the afternoon with Peppe Scorpo and Peter Rodgers just got home in a tiebreak over Park's Tony Lazic and Jozef Horvat. The Saints extended their lead when Adrian Koorn and Michael Stuhne took out the 2nd set.

Park hit back with Robert Lazic sand Robert Arzanovski firing to win the next two sets.

The last two sets for the day were shared with the Saints winning the 5th set 7/5 and Park taking the last set in a tiebreak, and the match.

Final result – Hamlyn Park 3 sets 33 games to St Mary's 3 sets 29 games.

SPRINGS WIN OVER JAN JUC

Clifton Springs at home to Jan Juc in Section 2 Tennis on Saturday won 4 sets to 2; however received 3 forfeited sets as Jan Juc were down a man. The Springs team of Joshua Matthews, Darren Jones, Dave Lowe and Mick Carlon was a little fortunate as Jan Juc's John Stephenson, Sam Robert and Max Causon won 2 of the 3 sets played.

Result – Clifton Springs 4 sets 30 games to Jan Juc 2 sets 16 games.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Ocean Grove 31 points, St Mary's 25, Hamlyn Park 25, Shell 16, Clifton Springs 15, Jan Juc 8.

LAWN WINS TOP OF THE TABLE CLASH

Geelong Lawn, top, took out the top-of-the-ladder clash over Newcomb on Saturday in Section 3 Tennis Geelong by 4 sets to 2 with Newcomb now dropping to 3rd on the ladder. For Lawn it was a team effort with Lucas Cameron winning all his sets and with Gianfranco Natale and Jamie Crouch involved in 2 sets each, made sure of a Lawn victory.

For Newcomb Peter Cullen was a standout winning 2 of his 3 sets, however Geelong Lawn too strong defeating Newcomb by 4 sets 34 games to 2 sets 26 games.

WANDANA MOVE INTO SECOND

Wandana Heights has moved into 2nd place on the Section 3 ladder with a thumping win over Grovedale on Saturday by 5 sets to 1 and by 20 games. The Heights team of James and Ben Brushfield, Paul Senior and Mathew Jolliffe played strongly throughout to record a good win. Dale's only set was the fourth set of the day when Ben Flynn and Steven Muratori got home in a tight set.

Overall, Wandana Heights 5 sets 34 games too good for Grovedale 1 set 14 games.

RIVER OVER HIGHTON

Little River travelled to Highton on Saturday in the final game in Section 3 Tennis and came away with a 4 sets to 2 victory to hold its position in the four. For the winners Simon Day 3 sets, Aaron Joyce and Nicholas Farrugia 2 sets each brought the team home in a solid showing. Rohan Lynham was involved in Highton's only two sets for the day and was easily Highton's best player.

Overall Little River 4 sets 35 games outdid Highton 2 sets 27 games.

SECTION 3 LADDER – Geelong Lawn 32 points, Wandana Heights 27, Newcomb 22, Little River 20, Highton 11, Grovedale 8.