

TEESDALE AND LAWN IN BATTLE ROYAL

Teesdale, away to Geelong Lawn in the match of the round in Section 1 Tennis Geelong on Saturday, pulled off a thrilling win by 4 games. The Teesdale side won only 4 of the 9 sets played but gained the 2 extra points for a win on games to claim the match. Teesdale's Carolyn McGann, Ramona Mataruga, Brodie Young and Jake Dunn won 4 of the first 5 sets comfortably to set the win up with all four involved in winning 2 sets each.

For Lawn both Fiona Walker and Barry Golightly, veterans of the game, were outstanding winning all their 3 sets for the day to almost get Lawn home; however Teesdale after losing the last 4 sets of the afternoon just held on to defeat Geelong Lawn by 4 sets 40 games to 5 sets 36 games.

ST ALBANS WINS BATTLE OF THE SAINTS

St Albans has gone further ahead to lead the competition in Section 1 Tennis Geelong by defeating All Saints Anglican on Saturday to win the battle of the Saints by 7 sets to 2. Adam Lasky taking out all his sets and Julie Golightly doing likewise losing only 5 games were the stars for St Albans in an outstanding display. Lasky won all his sets against leading Victorian player Matthew Hicks and was involved in the highlight of the match winning 1st mens doubles with Ry Davies over Hicks and Matthew Fisher in a tiebreak. Fisher, along with Karen Filippou and Alessia Roso won 2 of their 3 sets to see St Albans home in a strong win. All Saints only 2 sets came late when it won 3rd men's and ladies' doubles.

Final result – top side St Albans far too strong defeating All Saints Anglican by 7 sets 48 games to 2 sets 32 games.

DALE JUST OVER BURN

Grovedale at home to Bannockburn on Saturday in Section 1 tennis proved to be a little stronger winning 5 sets to 4 to be equal 4th with All Saints Anglican.

For Dale the men dominated with Jeremy Palmer-Morgan winning his 3 sets and conceding only 5 games, and with Braeden Lubcke and Grant Thompson providing strong backup taking out 2 sets each including all 3 mens doubles comfortably, proved to be the match winner for Grovedale.

For the Burn their ladies Rachael LeMaitre, Stephanie Guy and Kelly Brunger were the dominant players each winning two sets to keep Burn in the match; however Grovedale with its men firing defeated Bannockburn by 5 sets 43 games to 4 sets 35 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER – St Albans 46 points, Geelong Lawn 34, Teesdale 31, All Saints Anglican 29, Grovedale 29, Bannockburn 19, Waurin Ponds 10.

GROVE STILL TOP

Top side Ocean Grove held on to win a tight contest against St Mary's on Saturday in Section 2 tennis winning by 4 sets to 2, pushing the Saints back to 3rd on the ladder. For the winners David Franks was in great form not losing a set for the day and with Jarryd Proctor and Luke Kosmetschke chipping in with 2 sets each saw the Grove home.

Peppe Scorpo was the best for the Saints with 2 sets but Ocean Grove continued on its way defeating St Mary's by 4 sets 29 games to 2 sets 24 games.

PARK STORM INTO SECOND

Hamlyn Park at home on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis Geelong has stormed into 2nd position on the ladder with a thumping win over 5th placed Clifton Springs by 6 sets to love. The Park men of Tony and Robert Lasic, Jozef Horvat and Chris Matthews played strongly from the start to record this runaway win allowing the Springs only 17 games for the day.

Final result – Hamlyn Park 6 sets 37 games, too good for Clifton Springs no sets 17 games.

SHELL HOLD ON TO FOURTH

Shell has held on to 4th position on the Section 2 Tennis Geelong ladder with a strong performance defeating Jan Juc by 4 sets to 2.

Ray Edwards led the way for Shell winning all his 3 sets in fine style and with Aaron McLean, Dylan Vaughan and Ivan Bosnjak chipping in with 2 sets made sure of a Shell victory.

For Jan Juc Phil Rich was in good form and was involved in Jan Juc's only 2 sets for the day.

Overall Shell 4 sets 34 games too good for Jan Juc 2 sets 23 games.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Ocean Grove 37 points, Hamlyn Park 33, St Mary's 27, Shell 22, Clifton Springs 15, Jan Juc 10.

NEWCOMB BY ONE GAME OVER HEIGHTS

In an exciting finish Newcomb, 3rd on the Section 3 ladder, managed to hang on against Wandana Heights 2nd on Saturday to win by one game with sets even at 3 all. Newcomb's Steve Donaldson was a standout being involved in winning all his 3 sets including the opening set of the day when he and Greg Steele won the set to love. Donaldson was also involved in the exciting last set of the day with Jonathon Zarb winning the set and the match.

For the Heights it was a solid performance with Adam Jolliffe, Ben Jones and Danny McGlade all winning 2 sets in an overall team display; however Newcomb held on to win 3 sets 27 games to Wandana Heights 3 sets 26 games.

LAWN MOVE FURTHER AHEAD

Top side Geelong Lawn has moved further ahead on the Section 3 ladder with a solid 5 sets to 1 victory over lowly Highton on Saturday. Lawn, although winning 5 of the 6 sets, was pushed all the way by Highton with many sets closely fought with only 10 games separating the teams at the end. The Lawn team of Tom Midwood, Jamie Crouch, Paul Mahoney and Lucas Cameron played strongly throughout to record another win.

Stan Kenyon and Ryan Parkinson won Highton's only set for the day in its loss to Geelong Lawn by 5 sets 38 games to 1 set 28 games.

RIVER WINS TIGHT MATCH OVER DALE

Little River at home to Grovedale in Section 3 tennis on Saturday got home in a tight match by 4 sets to 2 and by 5 games to hold down 4th position on the ladder. Simon Day was outstanding for the River taking out all his sets in a match-winning performance. He had strong backing from Youan Sunassee and Aaron Joyce both winning 2 sets to make sure of a River victory.

For Dale Michael Muratori was its better player on the day winning 2 of his 3 sets and Dale's only sets for the day.

Overall Little River 4 sets 33 games just a little stronger defeating Grovedale 2 sets 28 games.

SECTION 3 LADDER – Geelong Lawn 39 points, Wandana Heights 30, Newcomb 27, Little River 26, Highton 12, Grovedale 10.