

## **SAINTS HOME IN THRILLER**

In the match of the day in Section 1 Tennis Geelong on Saturday St Albans got home in a thriller over Grovedale by 1 set and 1 game to remain top of the ladder.

The Saints' men dominated with Phillip Nash and Adam Lasky winning all their sets and with Ry Davies won all three men's doubles sets along with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> mixed doubles.

For Dale the women kept them in the match with Bianca Duff winning her 3 sets and with Brianna Bateup and Abbie Walker, won all 3 ladies doubles, two of which were hard fought tiebreak sets. The 3<sup>rd</sup> tiebreak set for the afternoon was the last set of the day when Davies and Nash took it out to seal the win for St Albans – 5 sets 46 games to Grovedale 4 sets 45 games.

## **PONDS IN FIRST WIN**

Waurm Ponds travelled to Bannockburn on Saturday in Section 1 and although only winning 4 sets for the day came away with an exciting win on games to clinch the match. The Ponds ladies were in top form with Georgia Kelly winning her 3 sets allowing her opposition only 2 games for the day. Olivia Ryan and Nicole Mullen added great support for Kelly and won all 3 ladies doubles, conceding only 3 games in the process in a match-winning performance. For the Burn the men were the dominant force with Justin Robinson and Pierce Johnson winning 3 sets each and with Nick LeMaitre 2 sets, won all 3 men's doubles sets; however Waurm Ponds with their ladies in great form got home for their first win of the season defeating Bannockburn by 4 sets 44 games to 5 sets 35 games.

## **ALL SAINTS MOVE INTO SECOND**

All Saints Anglican has moved into 2<sup>nd</sup> position on the Section 1 ladder with a hard fought victory over Teesdale at Teesdale on Saturday by 5 sets to 4. All Saints men were the match winners with Matthew Fisher and Jason McKee claiming all their sets and were ably assisted by Matthew Findlay in winning all 3 men's doubles sets comfortably to get All Saints home by 1 set and 6 games.

For Teesdale its women proved a handful for All Saints with Ramona Mataruga leading the way winning all her sets and with Jordan Tabakovic and Melanie McClelland won all 3 ladies doubles to keep Teesdale in the match; however not to be, as All Saints Anglican 5 sets 44 games won out over Teesdale 4 sets 38 games.

**SECTION 1 LADDER** – St Albans 53 points, All Saints Anglican 36, Teesdale 35, Geelong Lawn 34, Grovedale 33, Bannockburn 24, Waurm Ponds 16.

### **GROVE WINS BATTLE FOR TOP**

In the battle for top place in Section 2 on Saturday Ocean Grove was at home to Hamlyn Park and won out recording a 4 sets to 2 victory to retain top position on the ladder. For the winners Brad Edwards was outstanding winning all his sets and with Jarryd Proctor and David Franks winning 2 sets each saw Grove home in a strong team effort.

Jozef Horvat and Tony Lazic fought strongly for Park winning the 4<sup>th</sup> set of the day in a tiebreak. Horvat was also involved in winning the last set of the day with Robert Lazic; however, Ocean Grove a little stronger winning 4 sets 31 games to Hamlyn Park 2 sets 26 games.

### **ST MARY'S TOO GOOD**

Jan Juc at home on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis were no match for St Mary's who were too good, taking the match by 5 sets to 1. Saints' Peppe Scorpo, Jason Raselli, Michael Stuhne and Peter Rogers are pushing for a top 2 finish to the season and could trouble the top 2, Ocean Grove and Hamlyn Park, for the flag.

John Stephenson and Max Causon won Jan Juc's only set for the day in a tiebreak.

Overall – St Mary's 5 sets 36 games to Jan Juc 1 set 18 games.

In the final game in Section 2 Tennis Geelong on Saturday Shell received a forfeit from Clifton Springs.

**SECTION 2 LADDER** – Ocean Grove 43 points, Hamlyn Park 35, St Mary's 34, Shell 30, Clifton Springs 15, Jan Juc 11.

### **LAWN SMASH HEIGHTS**

In the top of the table clash in Section 3 on Saturday Geelong Lawn, top, smashed previously 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Wandana Heights by 6 sets to love in a one-sided encounter.

The Lawn team of Ryan Michell, Tom Midwood, Jamie Crouch and Lucas Cameron completely outclassed the Heights team to record a 6 sets 37 games to 0 sets 13 games to remain on top of the Section 3 ladder with Wandana Heights dropping to 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **NEWCOMB MOVE TO SECOND**

Newcomb has moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> on the Section 3 ladder with a strong 5 sets to 1 victory over Little River on Saturday. The Newcomb team of Greg Steele, Peter Cullen, Jonathon Zarb and Alex Olney played strongly throughout the day to record an excellent win against the 4<sup>th</sup> placed River team.

Simon Day and Aaron Joyce won River's only set for the day in their loss.

Final result – Newcomb 5 sets 32 games to Little River 1 set 24 games.

### **HIGHTON TOO GOOD FOR DALE**

Grovedale at home to Highton on Saturday in Section 3 Tennis were overpowered by the visitors who proved far too good, taking the match by 6 sets to love.

Highton's Michael Doherty, Rohan Lynham, Ryan and Ross Parkinson were in outstanding form and although 2 of the 6 sets were strongly contested Highton ran out winning 6 sets 38 games to Grovedale 0 sets 17 games.

**SECTION 3 LADDER** – Geelong Lawn 47 points, Newcomb 34, Wandana Heights 30, Little River 27, Highton 20, Grovedale 10.