

SAINTS LEAD SECTION 1 INTO CHRISTMAS BREAK

St Albans although having the bye on Saturday lead Section 1 Tennis Geelong into the Christmas break with Teesdale hot on their tails. Tennis Geelong senior and junior competition will recommence following the Christmas break on 31st January 2015.

LAWN MOVE INTO THIRD

Geelong Lawn has displaced All Saints Anglican in 3rd place on the Section 1 Tennis Geelong ladder with a fighting win by 6 sets to 3. Lawn got away to a strong start by winning all 3 opening mixed doubles along with 1st ladies doubles to lead 4 sets 24 games to 0 sets 10 games which All Saints could not reel in.

Lawn's Ari Levinson won all his sets, two of which were in a tiebreak, to be player of the match. He was well backed up by Mathew Holschier, Barry Golightly, Brooke Chiller and Steph Golightly all contributing 2 sets to ensure a Lawn victory.

For All Saints Elysia Stasi was a standout winning 2 of her 3 sets; however all too late, with Geelong Lawn running out winners by 6 sets 45 games to All Saints Anglican 3 sets 40 games.

BURN ALMOST CAUSE BOILOVER

Bannockburn travelled to their neighbours Teesdale on Saturday in Section 1 Tennis and almost caused a boiloer losing by one game, but winning 5 of the 9 sets played against the 2nd placed Teesdale team.

Jake Dunn and Brodie Young led the way for Teesdale being involved in two winning sets; however Burn had a better team performance with Kelly Brunger, Bridget LeMaitre, Stephanie Guy and Nick LeMaitre all involved in winning two sets, but Teesdale managed to get home in a tight encounter by 4 sets 38 games to Bannockburn 5 sets 37 games.

DALE KEEP IN TOUCH

Grovedale has kept in touch with the top four in Section 1 with a strong determined win over Waurnd Ponds on Saturday by 6 sets to 3. Jeremy Palmer-Morgan led the charge for Dale winning all his 3 sets and conceding only 6 games in the process. Braeden Lubcke provided great backup for Palmer-Morgan also winning 3 sets and with Jared Bromley 2 sets, won all men's doubles sets in a match-winning performance. Jayde Glascott was the best of the Dale women taking out 2 sets.

For the Ponds Nicole Mullen and Georgia Kelly were standouts being involved in 2 winning sets each; however Grovedale home by 6 sets 43 games to Waurnd Ponds 3 sets 32 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER – St Albans 66 points, Teesdale 59, Geelong Lawn 54, All Saints Anglican 50, Grovedale 42, Bannockburn 36, Waurnd Ponds 23.

PARK IN CLOSE ONE

In the match of the day in Section 2 tennis on Saturday Hamlyn Park just got home in a thrilling encounter over St Mary's by two games.

For Park Jozef Horvat was outstanding being involved in all three winning sets and with Chris Matthews won the 4th set of the day over Peter McDonald and Peter Ficca in a tiebreak.

For the Saints, Jason Raselli, Peter Rodgers and Peter Ficca all contributed by winning 2 sets each; however Hamlyn Park held on to win 3 sets 31 games to St Mary's 3 sets 29 games to draw level with St Mary's in equal 2nd place on the ladder at the Christmas break.

GROVE TOO STRONG FOR SHELL

Top side in Section 2, Ocean Grove, was far too strong for shell on Saturday recording a 5 sets to 1 victory to go further ahead at the top of the ladder. The Grove combination of Brad Edwards, James Kerr, Jarryd Proctor and David Franks played strongly throughout the day and lost only one set which was the first set of the day when Edwards and Kerr went down to Shell's Michael Hayward and Aaron McLean.

Final result – Ocean Grove 5 sets 36 games to Shell 1 set 25 games.

SPRINGS TOO GOOD FOR JAN JUC

Clifton Springs proved too good for Jan Juc on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis recording a 4 sets to 2 victory and by 10 games. For the winners Greg Luke was outstanding winning all his 3 sets and with Mick Carlon and Peter Havelberg chipping in with 2 sets each, made sure of victory.

John Stephenson was involved in Jan Juc's only 2 sets for the afternoon; however Clifton Springs ran out easy winners by 4 sets 34 games to Jan Juc 2 sets 24 games.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Ocean Grove 65 points, St Mary's 48, Hamlyn Park 48, Shell 41, Clifton Springs 22, Jan Juc 16.

LAWN HOLD TOP FOR BREAK

Geelong Lawn has held top place in Section 3 Tennis Geelong leading into the Christmas break with a strong win over 3rd placed Newcomb on Saturday. Lucas Cameron was the outstanding player for Lawn winning all his 3 sets and with Tom Midwood and Toby Lawrence adding great support, being involved in winning 2 sets each, made sure of a Lawn victory.

For Newcomb Chris Higgins was involved in their only 2 sets for the day; however Geelong Lawn with an overall team effort got home by 4 sets 29 games to Newcomb 2 sets 23 games to retain top place.

DALE PUSH HEIGHTS

Bottom team Grovedale pushed 2nd placed Wandana Heights on Saturday in Section 3 tennis losing the encounter by 4 games only with sets even at 3 sets all.

For the Heights James Brushfield was in great form winning all his 3 sets and the Heights' only sets for the day in a match-winning performance.

In contrast, Dale's 3 sets were shared between Michael Muratori, Jason Schoenmaekers and Ben Flynn all being involved in winning two sets each; however Wandana Heights held on to win 3 sets 30 games to Grovedale 3 sets 26 games.

RIVER RECEIVES FORFEIT

In the final game in Section 3 Tennis Geelong on Saturday Little River received a forfeit from Highton and obtained full points for the match to cement their place in 4th position on the ladder leading into the Christmas break.

SECTION 3 LADDER – Geelong Lawn 60 points, Wandana Heights 46, Newcomb 42, Little River 41, Highton 30, Grovedale 23.