

TENNIS GEELONG BACK IN ACTION

Tennis Geelong was back in action in both senior and junior competition on Saturday following the Christmas break.

ALL SAINTS INTO SECOND PLACE

All Saints Anglican has moved into 2nd spot on the Section 1 Tennis Geelong ladder with a crushing win over 6th placed Bannockburn by 8 sets to 1. The Saints team of Ash Andrews, Jenelle Findlay, Carly McClelland, Matthew Findlay, Matthew Fisher and Daniel Thomas were in outstanding form combining well to completely outplay the Burn.

Burn's only shining light was 3rd ladies with Stephanie Guy and Bridget LeMaitre winning Burn's only set for the day in a disappointing result – All Saints Anglican 8 sets 52 games to Bannockburn 1 set 26 games.

SAINTS START WELL AFTER BREAK

Top side St Albans started well after the Christmas break with a solid 7 sets to 2 victory over Waurin Ponds in Section 1 Tennis Geelong on Saturday to hold down top place. The Saints line-up of Julie Golightly, Karen Filippou, Alessia Roso, Adam Lasky, Ry Davies, Phillip Nash and Alex Beardsell were too strong throughout losing only 2 sets.

Michael Mullen was involved in the Ponds' only 2 sets for the day winning 3rd mixed with Georgia Kelly and 3rd men's with Aaron Sleep-Dalton in an outstanding effort; however, St Albans too strong defeating Waurin Ponds by 7 sets 47 games to 2 sets 20 games.

DALE UPSET LAWN IN CLOSE ONE

Grovedale, 5th, caused the upset of the day on Saturday in Section 1 Tennis Geelong by getting home narrowly over 3rd placed Geelong Lawn to keep its final hopes alive. Although only winning 4 sets Dale won on games to win the match 6 points to 5. For Dale the women dominated with Abbie Walker winning all her sets and losing only 5 games for the day, and with Bianca and Zoe Duff collecting 2 sets each and all three ladies doubles losing just 3 games in the process, made sure of a Dale victory. In contrast Lawn's men were outstanding with Mathew Holschier and Barry Golightly winning their 3 sets and Samir Ali 2 sets; however they could not bridge the gap with Grovedale running out winners by 4 sets 42 games to Geelong Lawn 5 sets 36 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER – St Albans 75 points, All Saints Anglican 60, Teesdale 59, Geelong Lawn 59, Grovedale 48, Bannockburn 37, Waurin Ponds 25.

GROVE JUST OVER SAINTS

In the match of the day in Section 2 Tennis Geelong on Saturday top side Ocean Grove just got home by 5 games with sets even over St Mary's who was 2nd but with this narrow loss is now 3rd. For Grove Brad Edwards and David Franks were the better players winning 2 of their 3 sets and for the Saints Jason Raselli and Peter Ficca matched this by winning 2 sets also in a tight encounter with Ocean Grove just getting home by 3 sets 32 games to St Mary's 3 sets 27 games.

JAN JUC SHOCK SHELL

Jan Juc, bottom in Section 2, shocked 4th placed Shell on Saturday to record a solid 4 sets to 2 victory. John Stephenson led the way for Jan Juc taking out all his sets in fine style and with Peter Hubacek and Ross Johnston chipping in with 2 sets each, made sure of a Jan Juc victory.

For Shell Ivan Bosnjak played well to win 2 sets and Shell's only sets for the day; however Jan Juc too strong winning 4 sets 31 games to Shell 2 sets 23 games.

PARK MOVE BACK INTO SECOND

Hamlyn Park has moved back into 2nd spot on the Section 2 ladder with a strong win over 5th placed Clifton Springs on Saturday by 6 sets to love; however it was a tight affair with the Springs taking it right up to them in all sets with only 12 games separating the teams at the end. The Park men of Jozef Horvat, Tony and Robert Lazic and Robert Arzanovski playing consistently won out taking the match by 6 sets 39 games to Clifton Springs 0 sets 27 games.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Ocean Grove 70 points, Hamlyn Park 56, St Mary's 51, Shell 43, Clifton Springs 22, Jan Juc 22.

HEIGHTS DEMOLISH NEWCOMB

Wandana Heights maintained 2nd spot on the Section 3 Tennis Geelong ladder on Saturday demolishing Newcomb by 5 sets to 1 and by 24 games to push Newcomb back into 4th position on the ladder. The Heights team of Matthew and Adam Jolliffe, Paul Senior and Matthew Bell played strongly throughout losing only 1 set to Newcomb's Greg Steele and Alex Olney to record an outstanding win by 5 sets 34 games to 1 set 10 games.

DALE UPSTAGE LITTLE RIVER

Grovedale, bottom, has upstaged Little River, 4th, on Saturday in Section 3 Tennis winning the encounter by 6 games with sets even at 3 sets all. For Dale Jason Schoenmaekers was outstanding winning all his sets and losing only 6 games in the process in a match-winning performance.

River's Simon Day, Youan Sunassee and Nicholas Farrugia all won 2 sets each in an overall good performance; however Grovedale prevailed winning 3 sets 31 games to Little River 3 sets 25 games.

LAWN TOP DRAW WITH HIGHTON FIFTH

Top side in Section 3 Geelong Lawn struggled to fight out a draw with 5th placed Highton. For Lawn it was a strong team effort with Ryan Mitchell, Tom Midwood and Jamie Crouch all winning 2 sets each.

For Highton Michael Doherty was the star of the match winning Highton's only 3 sets for the day; however the match ended in a draw at 3 sets 30 games all with Geelong Lawn retaining top place.

SECTION 3 LADDER – Geelong Lawn 64 points, Wandana Heights 53, Little River 44, Newcomb 43, Highton 34, Grovedale 28.