

BOTH SAINTS TEAMS IN CLOSE ONE

St Albans, top, played All Saints Anglican, 3rd, in the match of the day in Section 1 Tennis Geelong on Saturday and in a close and exciting match won the day by 1 set and 1 game to remain top.

For St Albans Karen Filippou played strongly throughout not losing a set and with great support from Ry Davies, Adam Lasky and Alessia Roso all recording 2 sets each, St Albans managed to get home by the smallest of margins. The set of the match was first ladies doubles with Roso and Filippou winning in a tiebreak over All Saints' Ash Andrews and Jenelle Findlay. All Saints' Jason McKee, Matthew Fisher and Carly McClelland all won 2 sets to keep them in the match, however St Albans a little stronger winning 5 sets 41 games to All Saints Anglican 4 sets 40 games.

LAWN SMASH TEESDALE

Geelong Lawn has joined Teesdale in equal 2nd place on the Section 1 ladder with a smashing win over Teesdale at Teesdale on Saturday by 6 sets to 3 and by 13 games. For Lawn Mathew Holschier and veteran Barry Golightly were outstanding with Holschier losing only 8 games for the day and Golightly an amazing one game to ensure a Lawn victory. Brooke Chiller, Samir Ali and Fiona Walker all contributed to the win with 2 sets each.

Teesdale's Carolyn McGann was involved in all Teesdale's 3 sets for the day in a lone effort. Final result – Geelong Lawn 6 sets 42 games to Teesdale 3 sets 29 games.

DALE HAMMER BURN

In the final game in Section 1 Tennis Geelong on Saturday Grovedale hammered Bannockburn to the tune of 8 sets to 1 to keep their finals hopes alive.

The Dale team of Bianca and Zoe Duff, Jeremy Palmer-Morgan, Grant Thompson, Jayde Glascott and Braeden Lubcke played outstanding tennis throughout the afternoon losing only one set, 3rd ladies, with Burn's Rachel LeMaitre and Stephanie Guy winning out. In a one-sided affair Grovedale way too strong winning 8 sets 53 games to Bannockburn 1 set 27 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER – St Albans 91 points, Teesdale 69, Geelong Lawn 69, All Saints Anglican 68 Grovedale 65, Bannockburn 38, Waurn Ponds 29.

SHELL SHOCK PARK

Shell, 4th, shocked Hamlyn Park on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis Geelong recording a runaway 5 sets to 1 victory. Park has now dropped to 3rd with 2 matches remaining before finals. The Shell team of Michael Hayward, Aaron McLean, Ivan Bosnjak and Ray Edwards dominated throughout to win the match comfortably.

Jozef Horvat and Chris Matthews won the opening set of the day for Park and that was all, with Shell winning the remaining 5 sets to record a strong victory by 5 sets 32 games to Hamlyn Park 1 set 17 games.

JAN JUC NO MATCH FOR GROVE

Jan Juc at home to top side Ocean Grove was no match for the strong Grove team losing the encounter by 6 sets to love in Section 2 tennis on Saturday. The Grove team of Brad Edwards, Jarryd Proctor, Jason Mooney and James Kerr controlled the match for the first 5 sets, but had to battle in the final set against Jan Juc's Tom Kadera and Dean Goldsworthy just getting home in a tiebreak.

Final result – Ocean Grove 6 sets 37 games to Jan Juc 0 sets 16 games.

In the final game in Section 2 St Mary's has jumped into 2nd position on the ladder after receiving a forfeit from Clifton Springs on Saturday.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Ocean Grove 84 points, St Mary's 61, Hamlyn Park 59, Shell 51, Clifton Springs 29, Jan Juc 28.

RIVER UPSET LAWN TOP

In Section 3 Tennis Geelong on Saturday Little River 3rd upset top team Geelong Lawn taking the match by one game only with sets even at 3 all. Simon Day led the way for River being involved in River's 3 winning sets for the day in a great performance.

On the other hand Lawn had Ryan Michell, Jamie Crouch and Toby Lawrence all winning 2 sets each in a strong team display; however Little River just managed to get over the line winning 3 sets 33 games to Geelong Lawn 3 sets 32 games.

NEWCOMB TIEBREAK EXPERTS

Newcomb at home to Grovedale on Saturday in Section 3 Tennis Geelong became the tiebreak experts winning three along with a 7/5 set on their way to a 6 sets to love victory. In an extraordinary match the result was not a true reflection on how tight the game was.

Newcomb's Greg Steele, Peter Cullen, Jonathon Zarb and Alex Olney had to fight all the way against the bottom side.

Ben Flynn for Dale was involved in losing 2 tiebreak sets and the 7/5 set to be Dale's best for the day.

Overall – Newcomb home by 6 sets 40 games to Grovedale 0 sets 26 games.

HIGHTON SURPRISE HEIGHTS

Highton, 5th, surprised Wandana Heights 2nd, on Saturday in Section 3 Tennis Geelong with a spirited 4 sets to 2 victory to keep its hopes alive the finals action.

For Highton Stan Kenyon lost only 8 games for the afternoon taking out all his sets and with support from Ross Parkinson and Robert d'Arrigo winning 2 sets each ensured a Highton victory.

Heights' James Brushfield was a standout being involved in Heights' only 2 sets for the afternoon; however Highton came home strong to defeat Wandana Heights by 4 sets 27 games to 2 sets 24 games.

SECTION 3 LADDER – Geelong Lawn 69 points, Wandana Heights 61, Newcomb 55, Little River 53, Highton 46, Grovedale 30.

OPEN TO ALL TENNIS PLAYERS

Tennis Geelong will again be running its Annual Association Tournament for junior and senior players on Saturday March 7, 2015 at the Geelong Lawn Tennis Club, Sommers Street, Belmont. 10am start, BBQ lunch provided. Entries to be submitted on the back of the score sheets by 28th February or by contacting Susan Bissett Phone 5248 1644 or Neil Lamond Phone 5221 3560 for seniors and for juniors Nigel Wilson Phone 5243 3465 or Bernie Morris Phone 5243 1779 on or before March 4th.

Seniors \$22 per couple – Mixed doubles or Men's doubles.

Juniors \$10 each Graded Round Robin. Enter singly – 4 sets of doubles with different partners.