

DALE'S TRIUMPHANT OVER SAINTS

Teesdale has come from 3rd place on the Tennis Geelong Section 1 ladder to topple top side and hot favourite St Albans to record a triumphant win to take the flag on Saturday by 5 sets to 4.

The Saints started well and appeared on the way to a good victory winning all three opening mixed doubles sets with Julie Golightly and Adam Lasky and Karen Filippou and Ry Davies winning the first two sets comfortably. Then Alessia Roso and Alex Beardsell took out the 3rd mixed in a tiebreak and the Saints were well on their way.

Things changed dramatically from this stage of the match with the Dale's ladies of Ramona Mataruga, Carolyn McGann and Melanie McClelland coming to the four winning all three ladies doubles in fine style, although 3rd ladies went to a tiebreak.

The Dale's men surprised when Brodie Young, Jake Dunn and Jordan Drew took out 2 of the 3 men's doubles sets losing only the 1st men's doubles to put the match beyond the reach of the Saints, to win the flag.

Final result – Teesdale 5 sets 46 games to St Albans 4 sets 39 games.

GROVE'S FLAG JUST OVER PARK

In the Section 2 Tennis Geelong grand final on Saturday top side Ocean Grove just got home to win the flag in a nail-biting finish over Hamlyn Park by 2 games with sets even. The match was a seesawing game with Grove's Jarryd Proctor and James Kerr taking out the opening set over Robert Arzanovski and Robert Lazic for Park in a close 7 games to 5 encounter. Park's Jozef Horvat and Tony Lazic returned the favour winning the 2nd set 7 games to 5 to level the match.

This pattern continued with Grove taking out the 3rd set and Park the 4th set in a tiebreak to again level the sets with Grove one game ahead. The final two sets commenced and when Proctor and Andrew Hamilton won Grove's 3rd set for the afternoon it put them a set and 4 games ahead.

Park's Robert Lazic and Jozef Horvat came home strongly in the final set having to win 6/1 but came up short winning 6/4 to lose the match by 2 games. For the winners Jarryd Proctor was outstanding winning all his sets and for Park Tony and Robert Lazic and Jozef Horvat all won 2 sets each in a strong effort.

Final result – Ocean Grove 3 sets 34 games defeated Hamlyn Park 3 sets 32 games.

HEIGHTS SMASH RIVER FOR FLAG

Wandana Heights smashed Little River in the grand final of Section 3 Tennis Geelong on Saturday recording a runaway victory by 6 sets to love. The Heights team of James and Ben Brushfield, Paul Senior and Ben Jones washed River away winning all 6 sets, apart from one, comfortably. This was the 3rd set of the day when Fraser Richmond and Simon Day for River forced a tiebreak set on James Brushfield and Senior.

Overall, Wandana Heights too strong taking out the Section 3 grand final over Little River by 6 sets 37 games to 0 sets 16 games.

HAP TAKES SECTION 4 FLAG

In the grand final of Section 4 Tennis Geelong on Saturday Gheringhap proved too strong for Grovedale to win the flag by 6 sets to 1. The experienced and older side of Daniel Reitter, Anthony Leigh, Shane Coutts, Jane Dunell, Kathryn Reitter and Tenille McInerney got the better of a younger Grovedale team to record a strong win.

Grovedale's only set for the day was 2nd men's when Matthew Squire and 12 year old Josh McPhee took the set in a tiebreak. The last 2 sets were not played as a result had been reached.

Final score – Gheringhap 6 set 43 games to Grovedale 1 set 27 games.