

HEPNER PUSHING FOR TOP PLACE

Hepner Place No.1 is pushing for top place on the ladder in Grade 1 Section 2 Tennis Victoria Melbourne Winter Pennant, defeating Bundoora No.1 on Saturday 3 rubbers to 1. Matt Hicks and Adam Lasky started well for Hepner winning the first two rubbers in straight sets to put the team in a good position for the match. This was short-lived however as Nathan Mayes lost in straight sets which put pressure on Jordan Drew who had lost the first set of his rubber. Drew fought back well, winning the final 2 sets to secure victory for Hepner 3 rubbers 6 sets 50 games to Bundoora 1 rubber 3 sets 41 games to remain 2nd on the ladder.

HEPNER STILL IN THE FOUR

Hepner's other team in Grade 1 Section 3 suffered a narrow defeat against Bundoora No.2 on Saturday by 1 set and 3 games. Mario Matecjek for Hepner lost in straight sets while Daniel Simko fought out a hard encounter, losing in 3 sets to place Hepner 2 rubbers down.

The final two rubbers were the highlight of the match with Hepner's Andre Mataruga and Brodie Young winning both rubbers in three sets, taking the final sets in a tiebreak after being a service break down, however fell short of victory in the match going down to Bundoora 2 rubbers 6 sets 56 games to Hepner 2 rubbers 5 sets 53 games.

HEPNER LADIES CRUSHED

Kooyong sprung a surprise in Women's Grade 1 Section 1 on Saturday against top side Hepner, introducing top AIS players Belinda Woolcock and Molly Polak. This allowed their regular No.1 player to play at 3, which upset the Hepner squad.

The Hepner team of Karen Filippou, Ramona Mataruga, Carolyn McGann and Kellie Brunger were completely outplayed and suffered their worst result for the year losing 0 rubbers 0 sets 17 games to Kooyong 4 rubbers 8 sets 48 games, however still remain top of the ladder by a fair margin.

HEPNER LOSE NARROWLY

Hepner Place Indoor at home at Centre Court went down narrowly to 2nd placed Bacchus Marsh on Saturday in Men's Grade 2 Section 3 Tennis Victoria Melbourne Winter Pennant, however still holds a top four position on the ladder.

Hepner's James Brushfield lost the opening rubber in three hard fought sets, while Josh Vines levelled the score for Hepner taking out the 2nd rubber in another tight 3-setter.

Jason Mooney at 3 for Hepner found the going tough losing in straight sets, leaving David Kos to win the match for Hepner. Kos started well winning the opening set in fine style 6/2, but lost the 2nd set 2/6. He managed to hold on, winning the 3rd and final set 6/4 leaving Hepner short by 1 set and 2 games.

Final score – Bacchus Marsh 2 rubbers 6 sets 55 games to Hepner 2 rubbers 5 sets 53 games.

GEELONG LAWN SCRAPE HOME

Geelong Lawn's Men's Grade 2 Section 3 team scraped home in a thrilling match against 3rd placed Clarinda in Tennis Victoria Winter Competition on Saturday to move closer to the four.

Geelong's Shane Wiffen got the team away to a great start winning the opening rubber in straight sets, losing only 4 games. In the second rubber Matthew Fisher was involved in a hard fought 3-setter. He lost the opening set in a tiebreak, won the 2nd set well, however lost the 3rd 4/6.

In the final two rubbers, Ben Robinson for Geelong lost badly in straight sets, however Geelong's Lewis O'Brien sealed the match for Geelong, winning comfortably in straight sets to see Geelong home 2 rubbers 5 sets 44 games to Clarinda 2 rubbers 4 sets 36 games.

TENNIS GEELONG BREAK

Due to the school holidays there was no play in Tennis Geelong Competition last Saturday. Matches will resume next Saturday with finals only a month away.

SECTION 1 LADDER – Newcomb 57 points, St Mary's 44, Grovedale Black 36, St Albans 27, Grovedale Yellow 20, Ocean Grove 17, Moolap 15.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Hamlyn Park 64 points, Highton 48, Clifton Springs Red 36, Wandana Heights 30, Geelong East Uniting 15, Clifton Springs Blue 15, All Saints Anglican 8.