

## **HEPNER NOW TOP IN VIC PENNANT**

Hepner place No.1 team in Men's Grade 1 Section 2 moved to top of the ladder in Tennis Victoria Melbourne Winter Pennant with an outstanding win over Dandenong on Saturday. Top players Matt Hicks and Ry Davies took out the opening doubles rubber in straight sets for Hepner although both sets were hard fought, with the first set decided in a tiebreak.

The second rubber saw Adam Lasky and Jordan Drew consolidate for Hepner, again winning in straight, allowing the opposition only 2 games in doing so. Hepner kept the pressure on in the final 2 rubbers, winning both in fine style to run out winners in the match by 4 rubbers 8 sets 49 games to 0 rubbers 0 sets 16 games to gain top place.

Hepner Place Indoor No.2 in Grade 1 Section 3 had a bye on Saturday, but still remain 3<sup>rd</sup> on the ladder. In the Women's Grade 1 Section 1 Hepner also had the bye, however remains top of the ladder.

## **HEPNER WINS CLASH OF GEELONG TEAMS**

Hepner Place Indoor just got home over town rivals Geelong Lawn on Saturday in Grade 2 Section 3 in Tennis Victoria Winter Pennant to remain just out of the four in 5<sup>th</sup> place. Geelong Lawn are currently 3<sup>rd</sup> with only five points separating 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> positions on the ladder.

In the opening doubles rubber Tony Brushfield and his son James fought out a hard 3-setter, winning the 3<sup>rd</sup> set in a tiebreak against Geelong's Ari Levinson and Lewis O'Brien. Lawn fought back hard in the 2<sup>nd</sup> doubles rubber with Matthew Holschier and Ben Robinson getting home in another 3-setter.

Hepner won the 3<sup>rd</sup> rubber in straight and with the 4<sup>th</sup> rubber level at a set all, the match was called off because of rain with Hepner in front taking the match 2 rubbers, 6 sets 48 games to Geelong Lawn 1 rubber 4 sets 45 games.

## **REGIONAL BENDIGO BANK JUNIOR MASTERS**

The monthly Bendigo Bank Junior Masters was staged at Centre Court Indoor last Friday with 51 juniors enjoying a long and enthralling day's tennis. This was the largest entry for the year thus far, with three tournaments to go to end the year.

The winners at Centre Court were –

Boys 10 & Under – Billy Spicer won from Matthew Vernon.

Boys 12 & Under – Harry Spicer got home with Oliver Lock runner-up.

Boys 14 & Under – saw Steve Murphy win out from Aidan Patterson.

Boys 16 & Under – went to Dylan Vaughan over Matthew Van Der Pol and Jason Tomacic who drew for second place.

Girls 10 & Under – Winner – Amy Stephens from Sophie Boreland.

Girls 12 & Under – went to Stephanie Cameron with Megan Markov runner-up.

Girls 14 & Under – Carly Sestito was the winner from Catrina Saltalamacchia.

Girls 16 & Under – Ebony McGrath won from Isabelle Bennison.

The closest Section for the day was the Boys 14 & Under Singles where sectional winners Steve Murphy from Colac defeated Aiden Patterson in the playoff 6/5 (tiebreak 7/2).

David Hicks, owner and manager of Centre Court Indoor, said the tennis was of high standard and matches played in a friendly manner which is a credit to all juniors who participated.

## **TENNIS GEELONG NEWS**

### **GROVEDALE BLACK PUSH NEWCOMB**

Grovedale Black 3<sup>rd</sup> at home pushed top side Newcomb on Saturday in Tennis Geelong Section 1. Chris Higgins was a standout for Newcomb winning his 3 sets and with Greg Steele and Lynda Nixon winning 2 sets each, got the team over the line.

Jayde Glascott was outstanding for Black, taking out 2 of her 3 sets and Black's only sets for the day.

The final 3 sets of the day were hard fought encounters with Grove Black losing all 3 to go down in the match 2 sets 27 games to Newcomb 4 sets 32 games.

### **ST MARY'S TOO STRONG**

St Mary's retained its 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the ladder with a resounding win over bottom team Moolap. The St Mary's team of Peppe Scorpo, Paul Field, Melinda Spalding and Natasha Edwards were in great form conceding only 12 games for the day in their win 6 sets 36 games to 0 sets 12 games' victory.

### **ST ALBANS CONSOLIDATE FOURTH**

St Albans at home consolidated 4<sup>th</sup> position on the ladder on Saturday with a solid win over 5<sup>th</sup> placed Grovedale Yellow. The St Albans team of Doug Hewson, Alex Beardsell, Clare Burns and Angela Oldham played consistent tennis throughout and although losing the 2<sup>nd</sup> mixed to Yellow's Donna Schoenmaekers and Murray Surkitt and a fright in the 3<sup>rd</sup> mixed which they won in a tiebreak, came home winners by 5 sets 35 games to 1 set 23 games.

**SECTION 1 LADDER** – Newcomb 63 points, St Mary's 52, Grovedale Black 38, St Albans 34, Grovedale Yellow 21, Ocean Grove 17, Moolap 15.

## **WANDANA PUT EAST AWAY**

Wandana Heights at home put Geelong East Uniting away on Saturday to hold 4<sup>th</sup> position on the ladder and guarantee a finals berth in Section 2 Tennis Geelong.

The opening two sets of the day were the highlight with the Heights' combinations of Mathew Jolliffe and Ben Jones winning narrowly against East's John Perry and David Slade, and Shaun Moloney and Danny McGlade for Wandana just getting over the line in the 2<sup>nd</sup> set in a tiebreak from Sam and Barry Rowland, to put Wandana 2 sets to love up, but by only 3 games.

The next 4 sets were shared by both teams, however the last set of the day saw Jones and Moloney sealing the win for Wandana, taking the set to love and the match 4 sets 35 games to East 2 sets 28 games.

## **HIGHTON CONTINUE ON**

Second placed Highton continued its dominance on Saturday with a strong 5 sets to 1 victory over Clifton Springs Red, currently 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Highton team of Ryan Parkinson, Lionel Fernandes, Michael Hogan and Stan Kenyon proved too strong overall. Spring's Red's only winners on the day were Craig Duncan and Adam Hill winning the 2<sup>nd</sup> set and Red's only set for the day in their loss 1 set 21 games to 5 sets 36 games at the hands of Highton.

## **ALL SAINTS WIN THE BATTLE**

All Saints Anglican won the battle of the bottom two on the ladder against Clifton Springs Blue on Saturday by 5 sets to 1, however still remain in the wooden spoon position, one point behind Springs Blue. Nathan Cameron and Nick Geelhold were outstanding for the Saints, winning their 3 sets in the Saints' overall win 5 sets 34 games to 1 set 18 games.

**SECTION 2 LADDER** – Hamlyn Park 64 points, Highton 55, Clifton Springs Red 37, Wandana Heights 36, Geelong East Uniting 17, Clifton Springs Blue 16, All Saints Anglican 15.