

HEPNER ON TOP

Hepner Place Indoor No.1 remains top in Men's Grade 1 Section 2 Tennis Victoria Winter Pennant with a strong win over 2nd placed Kooyong Lawn No.2 on Saturday by 3 rubbers to 1. Matt Hicks for Hepner got the team off to a good start winning the opening rubber in 3 sets, taking the 3rd 6/0. Hepner's Jordan Drew found the going tough in the second rubber, losing in straight sets.

Adam Lasky and Nathan Mayes closed the match out for Hepner, winning the final 2 rubbers in straight sets to lead Hepner home by 3 rubbers 6 sets 47 games to Kooyong Lawn No.2, 3 rubbers, 6 sets 47 games to Kooyong Lawn No.2 1 rubber 3 sets 29 games.

HEPNER NO.2 IN CLOSE LOSS

Hepner Place Indoor No.2 men at home to top side Scoresby in Grade 1 Section 3 Tennis Victoria pennant went down narrowly on Saturday by 3 rubbers to 1 but hold onto 4th place. Hepner's Travis Sandalant lost the opening rubber 7/5 in the 3rd in a hard fought encounter.

Matt Moloney for Hepner also went down in 3 sets to put Hepner on the back foot. Brent McCombe restored order winning Hepner's first and only rubber for the day in straight sets.

The last rubber of the day produced yet another 3 setter with Hepner's Andrej Mataruga going down. Hepner lost 3 3-setters and lost the match by 1 rubber 5 sets 49 games to 3 rubbers 6 sets 51 games.

GEELONG LAWN LOOKING GOOD IN TWO

Geelong lawn at home outplayed North Ringwood No.2 in Tennis Victoria Men's Grade 2 Section 3 on Saturday, winning 4 rubbers to love to hold down 4th place on the ladder. The first two rubbers saw Hepner's Matthew Holschier and Ari Levinson in full flight winning the opening two rubbers in straight sets, conceding only 3 games in the process.

Lewis O'Brien for Hepner had to fight a little hard in the 3rd rubber, but won in straight also. Hepner's Daniel Thomas closed out another straight sets win in the final rubber to record Lawn's best win of the season by 4 rubbers 8 sets 50 games to Ringwood's 0 rubbers 0 sets 18 games.

HEPNER DOWN TO GRACE PARK NO.1

Hepner travelled to Grace Park on Saturday in Men's Grade 2 Section 3 Victoria Tennis and came away with a narrow 1 set and 2 games loss, but still remain in 5th position on the ladder. James Brushfield and Josh Vines found the going tough in the opening two rubbers for Hepner, losing both in straight sets.

Jacob Dunn had to fight hard in the 3rd rubber for Hepner and won in 3 sets while veteran Tony Brushfield won well in straight sets, however Hepner just down by 2 rubbers 5 sets 41 games to 2 rubbers 4 sets 39 games.

In the final home and away matches next week Hepner Place 5th play 7th placed Strathmore, while Geelong Lawn 4th play top side Grace Park No.1 4th place could go down to the wire with both Geelong Teams battling it out.

HEPNER WOMEN DOWN IN GRADE 1

Hepner Place Indoor at home at Centre Court lost to Royal South Yarra No.1 on Saturday in Tennis Victoria Women's Grade 1 Section 1 by 3 rubbers to 1, but still remain top just ahead of Royal South Yarra No.1. Karen Filippou lost the opening rubber for Hepner in straight sets and Ramona Mataruga lost her rubber also in straight sets, but was unlucky losing both sets in a tiebreak to South Yarra's Jovanovic Masa. Carolyn McGann steadied the ship for Hepner with a hard fought 3-set win while Abbie Walker lost the last rubber in 3, leaving Hepner down by 3 rubbers 7 sets 50 games to 1 rubber 3 sets 45 games.

NEWCOMB FLAG FAVOURITES

Newcomb, at home, proved far too good for 2nd placed St Mary's on Saturday to remain top of the Tennis Geelong Section 1 ladder.

The Newcomb team with Chris Higgins, Greg Steele, Lynda Nixon and Karen Fairchild, had all the answers and although four sets were strongly fought, took the match 6 sets to love.

Better players for the Saints were Carly McClelland and Melinda Spalding in their loss 0 sets 22 games to Newcomb 6 sets 37 games.

OCEAN GROVE SURPRISE ST ALBANS

Ocean Grove, 7th, surprised St Albans, 4th, on Saturday with a 3 game win at home.

St Albans fought hard in the opening three sets, winning all three in torrid hard fought encounters, with Angela Oldham and Doug Hewson taking the opening set in a tiebreak, and Kimberley Rice and Craig Van Der Pol winning the 2nd set with Oldham and Rice the ladies doubles.

With 3 sets remaining in the match Ocean Grove's Jarryd Proctor, Phillip Nash, Ashleigh Cooke and Sally Hughes fought back hard and won all 3 sets to win the match narrowly 3 sets 32 games to 3 sets 29 games.

GROVE BLACK TOO STRONG FOR YELLOW

The two Grovedale teams clashed on Saturday and although Black won 5 sets to 1, five of the six sets were strongly contested with Black taking out three at 7/5 and one in a tiebreak. The Black players Sara Earls, Jayde Glascott, Matthew Squire and Andrew Lee proved a little stronger in the match to keep Black in 3rd position on the ladder. Yellow's only set for the day was in men's doubles when Jason Schoenmaekers and Michael Muratori won in a tiebreak.

Overall, Grove Black home 5 sets 40 games to Yellow 1 set 31 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER – Newcomb 71 points, St Mary's 52, Grovedale Black 45, St Albans 37, Grovedale Yellow 22, Ocean Grove 22, Moolap 15.

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN IN UPSET

All Saints Anglican, bottom, caused the upset of the season on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis Geelong, defeating 2nd placed Highton 4 sets to 2 and by 4 games. Paul Codd for the Saints dominated, winning his 3 sets and with strong support from Nathan Cameron and Simon Bennison saw them home in the match. Highton, with their two top players out, fought hard with Stan Kenyon winning 2 sets and Highton's only two sets for the day. However, the team went down 2 sets 26 games to the Saints 4 sets 30 games.

WANDANA HEIGHTS MOVE INTO THIRD

Wandana Heights travelled to Clifton Springs on Saturday and recorded an outstanding 5 sets to 1 victory to take over 3rd place on the ladder from Springs Red who dropped to 4th.

The Wandana team of Ben Jones, Shaun Moloney, Mark Hagebols and Danny McGlade came to play and lost only the 5th set of the day to Red's Adam Hill and Craig Duncan in their victory 5 sets 31 games to Clifton Springs Red 1 sets 21 games.

HAMLYN PARK IN TOTAL DOMINATION

Hamlyn Park with Jozef Horvat, Tony Lazic, Andrew Frost and Ivan Bosnjak in blistering form and on their home courts completely outplayed Clifton Springs Blue on Saturday, allowing Springs Blue only five games for the afternoon in one of the most one-sided matches of the season.

Top side Hamlyn Park smashed bottom side Springs Blue by 6 sets 36 games to 0 sets 5 games.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Hamlyn Park 72, Highton 57 points, Wandana Heights 43, Clifton Springs Red 38, All Saints Anglican 21, Geelong East Uniting 17, Clifton Springs Blue 16.