

HEPNER TAKE OUT FIRST FINAL

Top side Hepner Place Indoor No.1 at home took out the 1st final in Grade 1 Section 2 Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant defeating Grace Park on Saturday to reach the semi-finals in two weeks. The match was a hard fought struggle with top Hepner and Victorian player Matt Hicks losing a tight 3-setter 7/5 in the 3rd. Hepner's second man Justin Robinson won the 2nd rubber in straight sets to kick start Hepner's chances in the match.

Adam Lasky battled hard for Hepner, however lost 6/2 in the 3rd while Jordan Drew put Hepner in front following the singles and came from 3/5 down and saved 3 match points to win in 3 sets 7/5 in the 3rd.

In doubles Hicks and Robinson lost the 1st set and were 2/1 up in the 2nd when a result had been reached with Ry Davies and Lasky winning the final rubber in straight sets, to hand Hepner the victory by 3 rubbers 8 sets 75 games to Grace Park 2 rubbers 6 sets 68 games.

HEPNER WOMEN ALSO WIN

Hepner Place Indoor at home to Kooyong Lawn No.2 on Saturday in Women's Grade 1 Section 1 Tennis Victoria Competition had to fight all the way to secure a semi-final berth next Saturday. Abbie Walker and Carolyn McGann won in straight sets for Hepner, however Kooyong Lawn hit back taking the first two rubbers against Hepner's Karen Filippou and Ramona Mataruga in straight sets to tie the match up with rubbers, sets and games all square following the singles.

The doubles saw McGann and Mataruga winning 6/1 in the 3rd and Filiippou and Kellie Brunger taking the last rubber in straight sets to defeat Kooyong Lawn No.2 by 4 rubbers 8 sets to 2 rubbers 5 sets. Semi-final will be this Saturday in Melbourne venue to be advised.

In other finals Hepner Place No.2 played top side Scoresby in Men's Grade1 Section 3 and lost 4 rubbers to love, and the men's Grade 2 team lost to top side Grace Park 4 rubbers to love.

FOUR SETTLED IN SECTION 1

The final four in Section 1 Tennis Geelong with one round to go is settled following Saturday's games.

Grovedale Black, 3rd, with Jayde Glascott, Matthew Squire, Lisa Sherwell and Troy Mikelsons easily accounted for 4th placed St Albans, winning 5 sets to 1. The St Albans women of Clare Burns and Angela Oldham won the only set for the Saints in the ladies doubles. Final result – Grovedale Black 5 sets 34 games to St Albans 1 set 20 games. St Albans will play top side Newcomb in one semi-final in two weeks, while Grovedale Black will play St Mary's in the other semi.

ST MARY'S RETAIN SECOND

St Mary's, 2nd, recoded a strong win over the 5th placed Ocean Grove on Saturday and with Melinda Spalding, Kerry Elsen, Peter Ficca and Paul Field in good form, the Saints are looking forward to the finals in two weeks. Jarryd Proctor and Josh Hudson managed to win the Grove's only set for the men's doubles albeit in a tiebreak. Saints home by 5 sets 37 games to 1 set 17 games.

In the final match in Section 1 bottom side Moolap forfeited to Grovedale Yellow.

SECTION 1 LADDER – Newcomb 79 points, St Mary's 65, Grovedale Black 57, St Albans 38, Grovedale Yellow 32, Ocean Grove 26, Moolap 15.

HAMLYN PARK CONTINUE ON

Hamlyn Park, undefeated in Section 2, continued to dominate this section with another crushing win over 3rd placed Wandana Heights and with finals only two weeks away look set to win another flag. The Park team of Jozef Horvat, Tony Lazic, Andrew Frost and Ivan Bosnjak completely outplayed the Heights team to record a 6 set 37 games to 0 sets 13 games victory.

In other games, 2nd placed Highton with Lionel Fernandes, Stan Kenyon, Michael Hogan and Ross Parkinson were far too strong for bottom placed Clifton Springs Blue, winning all 6 sets to record a runaway win by 6 sets 36 games to Springs Blue 0 sets 11 games.

Both Hamlyn Park and Highton should meet in this season's Section 2 grand final in three weeks. 6th placed All Saints played 7th placed Geelong East Uniting in the final game in Section 2 and the match ended in a draw 3 sets 25 games a piece. For All Saints the better players were Paul Codd, Andrew Mathers and Jim Brown while East's standout was Barry Rowland, winning all his sets.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Hamlyn Park 86 points, Highton 67, Clifton Springs Red 46, Wandana Heights 45, All Saints Anglican 31, Geelong East Uniting 21, Clifton Springs Blue 16.