

## **HEPNER JUST GET HOME BY FOUR GAMES**

Hepner Place Indoor No.1 scraped home by 4 games with rubbers and sets even against Dingley at Dingley on Saturday in Mens Grade 1 Section 2 Tennis Victoria Winter Pennant. The win keeps Hepner in 2<sup>nd</sup> place only 3 points behind Kooyong Lawn No.2, top. Matt Hicks, Geelong and Victoria's top player, said although losing the opening doubles rubber in straight sets, Ry Davies and Justin Robinson put things right for Hepner by winning the second rubber in straight sets.

The final two rubbers saw Hepner and Dingley winning one rubber each, however Hepner got the points in a tight struggle 2 rubbers 4 sets 40 games to 2 rubbers 4 sets 36 games.

## **HEPNER STILL THIRD**

Hepner Place Indoor No.2 is still holding down 3<sup>rd</sup> position on the Grade 1 Section 3 ladder following a bye last weekend.

## **HEPNER WOMEN POWER HOME**

Hepner Place Indoor women travelled to Glen Iris on Saturday in Women's Grade 1 Section 1 and recorded another outstanding win to remain way out on top of the ladder. Carolyn McGann, top player for Hepner and Victorian State Grader, remarked on the strength of her team in doubles with Ramona Mataruga and herself in one combination and Karen Filippou and Kellie Brunger in the other.

Overall, Hepner lost only 1 set for the day in their runaway victory over Glen Iris by 4 rubbers 8 sets 50 games to 0 rubbers 1 set 20 games.

## **HEPNER PLACE LADIES ON TOP**

To keep in step with their club mates in Grade 1 Ladies Tennis Victoria Winter Pennant, the Hepner Grade 3 team are also on top of the ladder with another convincing win against Doveton, conceding only 12 games, cementing top place. The team comprising Taylor Soloczyls, Alessia Roso, Georgia Kelly and Claudia Gunjaca are combining well and will be hard to beat from now on following their demolition of Doveton by 4 rubbers 8 sets 48 games to 0 rubbers 0 sets 12 games.

## **HEPNER HOLD ONTO FOURTH**

Hepner Place Indoor Men's Grade 2 Tennis Victoria pennant team, although losing on Saturday to Clarinda still remains in the four. The Hepner team of James and his father Tony Brushfield, Jason Mooney and David Kos lost narrowly with rubbers even.

Clarinda's doubles combination of Matt Guco and Ardian Falliu were the downfall for Hepner winning both their rubbers in straight sets. Overall, Clarinda 4<sup>th</sup> went on to beat Hepner 2 rubbers 6 sets 57 games to 2 rubbers 4 sets 46 games.

## **NEWCOMB POWER ON**

In Tennis Geelong Section 1 on Saturday, Newcomb powered to another outstanding win, this time against 4<sup>th</sup> placed St Albans by 6 sets to nil to remain top of the ladder. Greg Steele said his team of Joanne Puckett, Ana Clifton and Chris Higgins were playing strong and consistent tennis at the moment and feels Newcomb is well on the way to another pennant flag. Clare Burns and Doug Hewson for the Saints tried hard, losing narrowly in 1<sup>st</sup> mixed however it all went horribly wrong from that point with the Saints collecting only nine games in the remaining 5 sets, losing to top side Newcomb 0 sets 14 games to 6 sets 37 games.

## **GROVEDALE BLACK HOLD THIRD**

Grovedale Black travelled to Moolap on Saturday and kept hold of 3<sup>rd</sup> place on the ladder with a thumping 6 sets to love win over bottom placed Moolap. Black's Braeden Lubcke mentioned his team of Lisa Sherwell, Jayde Glascott and Matthew Squires were getting stronger week by week and could challenge the top two sides, Newcomb and St Mary's, in coming weeks. For Moolap Penny Fiolet and Di Marshall went close to winning the ladies' doubles, but this was to no avail as the team went down to Grove Black in a one-sided match 0 sets 19 games to 6 sets 37 games.

## **OCEAN GROVE WINS THE CLOSE ONE**

The closest match of the round was Ocean Grove, 7<sup>th</sup>, getting home by 2 sets and 2 games over 6<sup>th</sup> placed Grovedale Yellow. For Ocean Grove Phillip Walsh was in fine form, winning his 3 sets for the afternoon and was backed up strongly by Sally Hughes and Josh Hudson with 2 sets each. Dale Yellow's Kate D'Altera was their only shining light, winning the team's only 2 sets for the day in their loss to Ocean Grove 2 sets 26 games to 4 sets 28 games.

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

## **HIGHTON CONSOLIDATE SECOND**

In Section 2 Tennis Geelong, Highton has consolidated 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the ladder, this time against 5<sup>th</sup> placed Geelong East Uniting, crushing East 6 sets to love. Both Highton and Hamlyn Park have made Section 2 a two horse race and will most likely play off for this season's flag. The Highton team of Ryan Parkinson, Lionel Fernandes, Michael Hogan and Stan Kenyon played strongly throughout. East's only chance in the match came in the last set of the day, however John Perry and Barry Rowland lost in a tiebreak in their overall loss 0 sets 16 games to Highton 6 sets 37 games.

## **RED TOO STRONG FOR BLUE**

Clifton Springs Red held on to 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a hard fought win over Clifton Springs Blue on Saturday. Peter Havelberg led the way for Red, winning his 3 sets and losing only 4 games in the process in a match-winning performance. He was supported by Andrew Couchman and Trevor Vallance, winning 2 sets each to see Red home in the match. Blue's only shining light was Nathan Batterham winning 2 sets and Blue's only sets for the day in their loss 2 sets 20 games to Red 4 sets 31 games.

Hamlyn Park, top of the ladder, received a forfeit from bottom team All Saints Anglican on Saturday which is disappointing midway through the season.

**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.