

## **HEPNER HEADS VICTORIAN PENNANT**

Hepner Place at home to North Ringwood on Saturday in Men's Grade 1 Section 2 of Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant proved far too strong and won 4 rubbers to nil to head the ladder after four rounds. Matthew Hicks and Justin Robinson led the way for Hepner winning the opening rubber in straight sets while Ry Davies and Adam Lasky won their rubber in straight also, although the first set was decided in a tiebreak, to put Hepner 2 rubbers to love up. Both Hicks and Robinson and Davies & Lasky continued their dominance in the reverse doubles, again winning both rubbers in straight sets to record an outstanding win by 4 rubbers 8 sets 50 games to North Ringwood 0 rubbers 0 sets 31 games.

## **LAWN BIG WINNERS**

Geelong Lawn travelled to Melbourne in Men's Grade 2 Section 1 of Melbourne Pennant on Saturday and came away big winners over Royal South Yarra by 4 rubbers to love. Ari Levinson and Lewis O'Brien took out the opening rubber in straight sets in fine style for Lawn. It was a different story in the 2<sup>nd</sup> rubber with Lawn's Ben Robinson and Nicholas Vicary involved in a tight, hard-fought 3-setter which they won 4/6 7/5 7/5. The Lawn team had little trouble in the reverse doubles, winning both in straight sets and the match by 4 rubbers 8 sets 55 games to Royal South Yarra 0 rubbers 1 set 38 games.

## **HEPNER GAIN POINTS IN TWO**

Hepner Place gained the points over Dendy Park on Saturday in Men's Grade 2 Section 2 of Melbourne Pennant winning 3 rubbers to 1. Hepner's Jake Dunn and Nelson Roso, after losing the opening rubber in straight sets made amends in their reverse rubber taking it comfortably in straight sets. Veterans David Kos and Michael Doherty sealed the match for Hepner winning both their rubbers in straight sets to bring Hepner home by 3 rubbers 6 sets 44 games to Dendy Park 1 rubber 2 sets 30 games.

## **HEPNER JUST HOME OVER YARRAVILLE**

In Men's Grade 2 Section 3 of Melbourne Pennant on Saturday Hepner had to struggle all day with 3 of the 4 rubbers going to 3 sets. However, Hepner prevailed winning 3 rubbers to 1 with only 2 sets and 4 games separating the teams. Hepner's James Brushfield and Brent McCombe played strongly throughout to record a straight sets victory in their first rubber and although losing the 1<sup>st</sup> set of their reverse rubber won the remaining 2 sets in fine style. Tony Brushfield and Jason Mooney put Hepner in a strong position for the match winning their first rubber in 3 hard fought sets, however lost their reverse doubles in straight sets. Overall Hepner 3 rubbers 6 sets 50 games defeated Yarraville 1 rubber 4 sets 46 games.

### **HEPNER LADIES IN TOP FORM**

In Women's Grade 1 Section 2 of Melbourne Pennant on Saturday the Hepner ladies continued their great form with a solid 3 rubbers to 1 win over MCC. Top Victorian players Carolyn McGann and Ramona Mataruga led the way for Hepner winning both their rubbers in a strong performance in straight sets.

Karen Filippou and Kelly Brunger kept the pressure on MCC, winning their first rubber in straight sets also, however lost their final rubber in 3 hard fought sets, but Hepner too strong in the end winning 3 rubbers 7 sets 50 games to MCC 1 rubber 2 sets 36 games.

### **LAWN LADIES DOMINATE**

In Women's Grade 2 Section1 of Melbourne Pennant on Saturday, Geelong Lawn led by Philippa Tepper and Julie Golightly in great form defeated Doveton by 3 rubbers to 1. Tepper and Golightly completely dominated their opposition, winning both rubbers in straight sets conceding only 1 game in the process.

Fiona Walker and Sascha Bruenjes put the match out of reach for Doveton winning their first rubber in straight sets, however lost their reverse rubber in 3 sets.

Final score – Geelong Lawn 3 rubbers 7 sets 46 games to Doveton 1 rubber 2 sets 20 games.

### **GLEN IRIS TOO STRONG**

Hepner found Glen Iris too strong in Women's Grade 2 Section 2 on Saturday in Melbourne Pennant and went down 2 rubbers to 1 with one rubber unfinished. In the opening 2 rubbers Hepner's Brooke Starling and Taylor Mielczarek won their rubber in 3 sets, however Taylor Sobczyk and Alessia Roso lost their rubber in 3 hard fought sets. In the reverse doubles Sobczyk and Roso lost in straight sets while Starling and Mielczarek at a set all and leading 2 games to 1 in the final set, the rubber was unfinished due to bad light with Glen Iris winning the match by 2 rubbers 6 sets 50 games to Hepner 1 rubber 4 sets 41 games.

### **SAINTS SURPRISE PONDS**

In Section 1 Tennis Geelong Competition on Saturday, St Albans surprised Waurin Ponds to win 4 sets to 2. Saints' Susan Bissett had an outstanding day winning her 3 sets and with strong support from Phil Nash and Matt Allen winning 2 sets, got the Saints home in fine style.

For the Ponds, youngster Nicole Mullen was the standout winning two of her three sets and the Ponds' only sets for the day. Final result – St Albans 4 sets 35 games to Waurin Ponds 2 sets 26 games.

### **MAROON DEMOLISH DALE**

Top side Newcomb Maroon with Bridget LeMaitre, Ana Clifton, Greg Steele and

Peter Rodgers in great form completely demolished the Grovedale side on Saturday in Section 1 winning 6 sets 36 games to 0 sets 9 games to remain top of the Section 1 ladder.

## **BLUE SMASH HIGHTON**

In the final Section 1 Tennis Geelong match on Saturday Newcomb Blue moved into 2<sup>nd</sup> spot on the ladder, smashing bottom side Highton 6 sets to love. The Blue team of Lynda Nixon, Zoe Duff, Chris Higgins and Steve Donaldson allowed Highton only 8 games for the day in their victory 6 sets 36 games to 0 sets 8 games.

**SECTION 1 LADDER** – Newcomb Maroon 23 points, Newcomb Blue 13, Waurin Ponds 11, Grovedale 11, St Albans 10, Highton 4.

## **SPRINGS EQUAL TOP**

Clifton Springs moved into equal top spot with Hamlyn Park in Section 2 Tennis Geelong with a runaway win over All Saints Anglican. The Springs team of Peter Havelberg, Adam Hill, Trevor Vallance and Craig Duncan overpowered the All Saints team to win 6 sets 36 games to 0 sets 13 games.

## **EAST PUSH PARK**

Geelong East Uniting at home pushed top side Hamlyn Park all the way in their Section 2 clash on Saturday and lost 2 sets to 4 sets in a strong showing. For the winners Jozef Horvat won his 3 sets and with Tyler Dickson and Robert Arzanovski winning 2 sets each a Park win was assured.

For East Kim Lizmore tried hard all day winning 2 sets, however Hamlyn Park continued their unbeaten run winning 4 sets 33 games to Geelong East Uniting 2 sets 26 games.

In the final game in Section 2 Highton got off the bottom of the ladder and moved into 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a good win over Wandana Heights by 4 sets to 2 sets. Jordan Parkinson led the way for Highton winning his 3 sets, with Peter Ficca and Peter Edwards adding support with 2 sets each.

For the Heights, Ben Jones played well winning the Heights' only 2 sets for the day, however Highton too strong winning 4 sets 32 games to Wandana Heights 2 sets 22 games.

**SECTION 2 LADDER** – Hamlyn Park 19 points, Clifton Springs 19 Highton 10, Geelong East Uniting 9, All Saints Anglican 8, Wandana Heights 7.