

HEPNER ACE PARK

Hepner Place aced Eildon Park on Saturday in Men's Grade 1 Section 2 Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant to retain top position on the ladder after 5 rounds.

In the opening rubbers Matthew Hicks at No.1 was involved in a marathon match against Sam Dowler for Eildon Park. Hicks lost the 1st set in a tight struggle, came back to win the 2nd set well and was then involved in a 3rd set hit out which he lost in a tiebreak. The match went for 3 hours 15 minutes. Adam Lasky for Hepner won the other opening rubber in straight sets.

Justin Robinson and Nathan Mayes sealed the match for Hepner with comfortable straight sets victories in the final two rubbers to win the match for Hepner by 3 rubbers 7 sets 54 games to Eildon Park 1 rubber 2 sets 33 games.

EILDON TOO STRONG FOR LAWN

In Men's Grade 2 Section 1 of Melbourne Pennant on Saturday Geelong Lawn found Eildon too strong and went down by 3 rubbers to 1. Lawn's Ari Levinson fought hard in the opening rubber, losing in straight sets, however both were closely contested sets.

Nicholas Vicary and Michel Jiang also lost in straight sets for Lawn while Lewis O'Brien was Lawn's only winner for the day taking out the 3rd rubber easily in straight sets.

Overall Eildon 3 rubbers 6 sets 41 games defeated Geelong Lawn 1 rubber 2 sets 31 games.

ANOTHER WIN TO HEPNER

In Men's Grade 2 Section 2 of Melbourne Pennant on Saturday Hepner Place accounted for East Malvern winning 3 rubbers to 1. Hepner's Matt Moloney at No.1 got home in the 1st rubber in straight sets winning the 2nd set in a tiebreak. Brodie Young also won in straight sets for Hepner in the 2nd rubber and like Moloney had to survive a 2nd set tiebreak.

Hepner's Nick Fenaughty found the going tough and lost in two hard fought sets. Jake Dunn closed the match out for Hepner winning the final rubber in straight sets.

Final result – Hepner Place 3 rubbers 6 sets 47 games to East Malvern 1 rubber 2 sets 34 games.

HEPNER RECEIVE FORFEIT

In Men's Grade 2 Section 3 on Saturday in Melbourne Pennant, Hepner Place received a forfeit from Orrong Park in strange circumstances. The team of Tony and James Brushfield, Daniel Sutton and David Kos travelled to Orrong Park only to find all courts were being used for coaching.

HEPNER GIRLS AGAIN DOMINATE

Hepner Place girls continue to dominate Women's Grade 1 Section 2 of Melbourne Tennis Victoria Pennant with another runaway win, this time over Grace Park by 4 rubbers to love. The Hepner team of Ramona Mataruga, Karen Filippou, Carolyn McGann and Abbie Walker are in top form with Mataruga and McGann winning their rubbers in straight sets. Filippou and Walker added great support taking out their rubbers in 3 sets. Final score – Hepner Place 4 rubbers 8 sets 54 games to Grace Park 0 rubbers 2 sets 25 games.

DRAW IN GRADE 2 WOMEN

In Women's Grade 2 Section 1 of Melbourne Pennant, Geelong Lawn drew with Kooyong Lawn No.1 at Kooyong on Saturday. Lawn was leading the match 2 sets 19 games to 0 sets 9 games when play was abandoned because of rain. Lawn's Philippa Tepper and Vanessa Calvert were both one set up and leading in the 2nd set when the rain came. Bianca Tepper and Sascha Bruenjes for Lawn did not start their rubbers and therefore the match was drawn.

HEPNER AGAIN IN GRADE 2

Hepner Place was away to Donvale on Saturday in Grade 2 Section 2 Melbourne Pennant and came away with a good win with 2 rubbers unfinished. Brooke Starling and Alessia Roso won their rubbers in straight sets for Hepner while Taylor Sobczyk and Taylah Mielczarek were locked at a set all in their rubbers when time ran out. Overall result – Hepner Place 2 rubbers 6 sets 48 games to Donvale 0 rubbers 2 sets 32 games.

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BLUE COP A SCARE

Newcomb Blue travelled to Grovedale in Section 1 Tennis Geelong Competition on Saturday and copped a scare, winning by 6 games only with sets even. They, however, managed to hold on to 2nd spot on percentage only from St Albans who had another outstanding win. Chris Higgins for Blue was in outstanding form winning Blue's only 3 sets for the day and conceding only 4 games in a match-winning effort.

For the Dale it was more of a team effort with Lisa Sherwell, Lisa Graham and Ben Flynn all winning 2 sets each, however Newcomb Blue with Higgins dominating won the match over Grovedale by 3 sets 29 games to 3 sets 23 games.

SAINTS PLAYING STRONGLY

St Albans with Susan Bissett, Angela Oldham, Phillip Nash and Doug Hewson continued their good form on Saturday downing Highton comfortably by 6 sets 37 games to 0 sets 19 games. The Saints are playing strongly at this stage of the season and are currently equal 2nd, but 3rd on percentage on the ladder behind the two Newcomb teams.

MAROON MARCH ON

Top side Newcomb Maroon marched on to another one-sided victory on Saturday, this time against the young Waurn Ponds team, winning 5sets to 1. The strong Maroon team of Joanne Puckett, Ana Clifton, Greg Steele and Peter Rodgers were too experienced for their younger opponents and won well.

A highlight of the match was the 1st mixed doubles with Nicole Mullen and Tom Ferry for Ponds upsetting the strong combination of Puckett and Steele to take the set, the Ponds' only set for the day, in their loss 1 set 11 games to Newcomb Maroon 5 sets 33 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER – Newcomb Maroon 30 points, Newcomb Blue 18, St Albans 18, Grovedale 14, Waurn Ponds 12, Highton 4

SPRINGS MOVE INTO TOP

Clifton Springs moved into top position on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis Geelong with a solid performance against previously top side Hamlyn Park by 4 sets to 2. The Springs got on top early with strong play from all four players and this continued throughout the match with Greg Luke, Adam Hill, Trevor Vallance and Craig Duncan winning 2 sets each in an overall great team effort.

It was a different story for Park as all four players only won one set each. Final result – Clifton Springs 4 sets 34 games to Hamlyn Park 2 sets 27 games.

WANDANA MOVE INTO FOUR

Wandana Heights moved into 4th position in Section 2 Tennis with a fighting win over All Saints Anglican on Saturday by 5 games with sets even. All Saints got away to a great start winning the opening 3 sets with Paul Codd and Simon Bennison in fine form, winning 2 sets each.

The match turned from that point with Wandana's James Curtis and Mathew Jolliffe dominating to win 2 sets each and taking out the final 3 sets comfortably, and the match by 3 sets 28 games to All Saints 3 sets 23 games.

In the final Section 2 match on Saturday 3rd placed Highton with Ryan and Jordan Parkinson, Lionel Fernandes and Peter Edwards playing strongly outplayed Geelong East Uniting to the tune of 5 sets to 1. East's only shining light for the day was Paul Field and Luke Kosmetschke winning the 2nd last set and East's only set in a disappointing match.

Overall Highton too good winning 5 sets 32 games to Geelong East Uniting 1 set 24 games.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Clifton Springs 25 points Hamlyn Park 21, Highton 17, Wandana Heights 12, All Saints Anglican 11, Geelong East Uniting 10.