

BLUE SMASH SAINTS

In the match of the day in Section 1 Tennis Geelong on Saturday, 2nd placed Newcomb Blue was up against 3rd placed St Albans and came away with a smashing 5 sets to 1 victory. As predicted at the start of the winter season both Newcomb teams Maroon and Blue should play off for the flag.

Blue with Zoe Duff, Olivia Ryan, Chris Higgins and Steve Donaldson playing strongly, outplayed the Saints with youngsters Duff and Ryan leading the way.

The Saints' only set for the afternoon was the final set of the day with Claire Burns and Matt Allen winning a tight set, however Newcomb Blue too strong winning 5 sets 34 games to St Albans 1 set 19 games.

MAROON MARCH ON

Newcomb Maroon is marching on to a flag in Tennis Geelong Section 1 with another powerful win on Saturday, this time against Highton by 6 sets to love. The team of Joanne Puckett, Ana Clifton, Peppe Scorpo and Greg Steele were far too good for the Highton players, winning the match by 6 sets 36 games to Highton 0 sets 10 games to remain top of the ladder.

GROVE MOVE TO THIRD

In the final game in Section 1 Tennis Geelong, Grovedale travelled to Waurin Ponds and came away with a solid hard fought win 4 sets to 2 to move into 3rd position. For the winners, Ben Flynn was outstanding winning his 3 sets and with Lisa Sherwell and Steven Muratori chipping in with 2 sets, the result was never in doubt. For the Ponds Indiah Preston was best, winning the Ponds' only 2 sets for the afternoon, however Grovedale just a little stronger winning 4 sets 30 games to Waurin Ponds 2 sets 25 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER – Newcomb Maroon 38 points, Newcomb Blue 25, Grovedale 20, St Albans 19, Waurin Ponds 14, Highton 4.

SPRINGS HOLD DOWN TOP

In Section 2 Tennis Geelong on Saturday top side Clifton Springs remained undefeated with another outstanding 6 sets to love win over Geelong East Uniting. The Springs team of Peter Havelberg, Adam Hill, Trevor Vallance and Craig Duncan are in solid form. Jarryd Proctor was East's better player losing 2 of his 3 sets in close hard fought sets, however Clifton Springs too good winning 6 sets 38 games to Geelong East Uniting 0 sets 20 games.

PARK RETAIN SECOND

Hamlyn Park put 4th placed Wandana Heights away on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis Geelong by 5 sets to 1 to retain 2nd spot on the ladder. Jozef Horvat, Tyler Dickson, Tony Lazic and Robert Arzanovski played strongly for Park in this outstanding win.

Ben Jones and James Curtis won Wandana's only set for the day in their loss by 1 set 18 games to Hamlyn Park 5 sets 34 games.

HIGHTON SMASH SAINTS

In the final match in Section 2 on Saturday 3rd placed Highton smashed All Saints Anglican 6 sets to love. Highton's Jordan Parkinson, Peter Ficca, Ryan Parkinson and Peter Edwards showed no mercy on All Saints and won 6 sets 36 games to 0 sets 11 games.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Clifton Springs 33 points, Hamlyn Park 28, Highton 25, Wandana Heights 13, All Saints Anglican 11, Geelong East Uniting 10.

HEPNER HOLD ON TO WIN BY 1 SET

In Men's Grade 1 Section 2 Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant on Saturday top side Hepner Place travelled to Bundoora and scraped home by 1 set only in a closely fought match to remain undefeated and top after six rounds. With Hepner's top player Matthew Hicks missing from this encounter, it was always going to be a tough task and this was the case.

In a marathon opening rubber Hepner's Justin Robinson and Nathan Mayes won the opening set in a tiebreak, lost the 2nd set and the 3rd in a tiebreak. Adam Lasky and Ry Davies hit back for Hepner in the 2nd rubber winning in straight, although the 2nd set was a tiebreak.

Lasky and Davies continued their good form taking out the 3rd rubber in fine style while Robinson and Mayes lost the final rubber surprisingly in straight sets. However Hepner just home by 2 rubbers 5 sets 42 games to Bundoora 2 rubbers 4 sets 43 games in a cliff hanger.

LAWN WIN TIGHT ONE

Geelong Lawn was at home to Bruce Park on Saturday in Men's Grade 2 Section1. Melbourne Pennant and got home in a tight one to move into 5th place on the ladder just ahead of Bruce Park.

Lawn got away to a disastrous start in the opening rubber when Barry Golightly and Nicholas Vicary lost in straight sets, winning only one game in a dismal effort. However, Lawn with Lewis O'Brien and Ben Robinson firing, took out the 2nd rubber in 3 sets and their reverse rubber in straight, although the final set was a tiebreak, to put Lawn ahead in the match.

Golightly and Vicary recovered from their earlier loss to snatch a hard fought 3-setter winning the final set in a tiebreak and the match for Geelong Lawn by 3 rubbers 6 sets 47 games to Bruce Park 1 rubber 4 sets 48 games.

BUNDOORA FAR TOO GOOD

In Grade 2 Section 2 of Melbourne Pennant on Saturday, Bundoora at home proved far too strong for Hepner Place winning the match by 4 rubbers to love. The Hepner team of Brodie Young, Daniel Simko, Jake Dunn and Nick Fenaughty had no answers for Bundoora and were completely outplayed in every department, losing 0 rubbers 0 sets 20 games to Bundoora 4 rubbers 8 sets 49 games, however still remain in the four.

BRUSHFIELDS LEAD THE WAY

Tony Brushfield and son James led the way for Hepner Place Indoor in Grade 2 Section 3 of Melbourne Pennant on Saturday with a strong win over Wonga Park by 3 rubbers to 1 to hold its place in 2nd position. The Brushfields took out the 1st and 3rd rubbers in straight sets, losing only 9 games in the process. Hepner's Brent McCombe and David Kos lost their opening rubber in straight sets, however fought out the final rubber winning in 3 sets after losing the 1st set to see Hepner Place Indoor home by 3 rubbers 6 sets 49 games to Wonga Park 1 rubber 3 sets 36 games.

MATARUGA AND MCGANN DOMINATE

Ramona Mataruga and Carolyn McGann continued their outstanding form in Women's Grade 1 Section 2 of tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant defeating Kooyong Lawn at Kooyong on Saturday by 3 rubbers to 1.

Mataruga and McGann battled hard in the opening rubber, winning in three hard fought sets. They dominated their reverse doubles winning in straight and conceding only 3 games.

Karen Filippou and Kellie Brunger added great support for Hepner, winning the 2nd rubber in straight sets losing 2 games only. However, Hepner found the opposition too strong in the reverse rubber losing in straight, but Hepner Place Indoor prevailed overall to win the match 3 rubbers 6 sets 45 games to Kooyong Lawn 1 rubber 3 sets 38 games to maintain top place.

LAWN STILL 4TH AFTER DRAW

Geelong Lawn away to Beaumaris Lawn on Saturday in Women's Grade 2 Section 1 Melbourne Pennant managed a draw only but still remains 4th on the ladder. Lawn's Julie Golightly and Fiona Walker won their opening rubber in straight sets, however lost their reverse rubber in straight sets.

Bianca Tepper and Sascha Bruenjes took out the 2nd rubber in 3 hard fought sets and were a set all in the reverse rubber when time ran out leaving the match drawn with Geelong Lawn 2 rubbers 5 sets 46 games to Beaumaris Lawn 1 rubbers 4 sets 42.

HEPNER WOMEN LOSE TO M C C

Hepner Place Indoor women in Grade 2 Section 2 of Melbourne Pennant suffered a 3 rubbers to 1 loss at home on Saturday to M C C. Hepner's Brooke Starling and Alessia Roso got Hepner away in the opening rubber, winning a long hard fought encounter in a tiebreak 3rd set.

Taylah Mielczarek and Claudia Gunjaca fought out another hard 3-setter for Hepner in the 2nd rubber and after winning the opening set to love, lost the 2nd in a tiebreak and the 3rd 3/6.

M C C came home strongly in the final reverse rubbers taking both in straight and the match by 3 rubbers 7 sets 51 games to Hepner Place Indoor 1 rubber 3 sets 41 games.

Even with this loss Hepner still remain in the four.