

HEPNER MAINTAIN POSITION IN FOUR

Hepner Place Indoor at home to Grace Park on Saturday maintained its position in the four in Tennis Victoria Grade 2 Section 3 of Melbourne Pennant, winning 4 rubbers to love in a landslide victory. Hepner's James Brushfield, Brent McCombe, Tony Brushfield and Jason Mooney won all rubbers in straight apart from veteran Tony Brushfield losing a set in his three-set victory in the third rubber. Although winning in straight sets both McCombe and Mooney had to struggle, winning their respective second sets in a tiebreak.

Overall Hepner too strong taking the encounter by 4 rubbers 8 sets 54 games to Grace Park 0 rubbers 1 set 29 games.

BEAUMARIS LAWN TOO GOOD FOR GEELONG LAWN

Beaumaris Lawn No.1 proved too good for Geelong Lawn on Saturday in Men's Grade 2 Section 1 of Melbourne Pennant, winning 3 rubbers to love with the final rubber unfinished due to rain.

Ari Levinson won the only set for Geelong in the opening rubber, however, he lost the rubber narrowly in a tiebreak 3rd set. Geelong's Lewis O'Brien and Nicholas Vicary both lost their rubbers in straight sets while Geelong's Ben Robinson was down 3 games to 2 when rain stopped play with Beaumaris Lawn No.1 defeating Geelong Lawn by 3 rubbers 6 sets 45 games to 0 rubbers 1 set 32 games. Geelong still holds 5th position.

HEPNER SLIP TO FIFTH IN THE RAIN

In Men's Grade 2 Section 2 of Melbourne Pennant on Saturday Hepner Place Indoor No.1 travelled to Dandenong and has now slipped to 5th position on the ladder as the match was abandoned due to rain. As a result the match was drawn and points shared.

HEPNER RAINED OUT BUT STILL TOP

Hepner Place Indoor travelled to Donvale on Saturday in Grade 1 Men's Section 2 of Melbourne Pennant and unfortunately no play was possible because of rain, however they still remain top of Victorian Tennis.

HEPNER WOMEN HOLD THEIR GROUND

Hepner Place Indoor women held their ground in Grade 2 Section 2 of Melbourne Pennant at home on Saturday with a solid 3 rubbers to 1 victory over Grace Park to stay in the four. Hepner's Brooke Starling at No.1 won a marathon opening rubber 7/6 in the 3rd, while Taylor Sobczyk and Alessia Roso won their rubbers easily in straight sets to take the match for Hepner.

Hepner's only loss was Claudia Gunjaca narrowly losing in two hard fought sets, however Hepner won well by 3 rubbers 6 sets 51 games to Grace Park 1 rubber

3 sets 33 games.

LAWN WOMEN WASHED OUT

Geelong Lawn, 6th, hosted Royal South Yarra in Women's Grade 2 Section 1 on Saturday and unfortunately missed out on moving up the ladder against 7th placed Royal South Yarra, as rain caused the abandonment of the match with the match drawn and points shared.

HEPNER WOMEN SUFFER WASHOUT – STILL ONE

Top side Hepner Place Indoor Women's Grade 1 Section 2 of Victorian Melbourne Pennant held on to top place following a washout against Eaglemont at Eaglemont on Saturday, sharing the points in this drawn match due to rain.

MAROON HARASSED BY SAINTS

Top side in Section 1 Tennis Geelong, Newcomb Maroon, was harassed by St Albans on Saturday and just managed to win, 4 sets to 2 in a tight match. For the winners Greg Steele was outstanding winning his 3 sets, conceding only 7 games and with good support from Peppe Scorpo and Raquel Walter winning two sets, got Maroon home after a hard fought match.

For the Saints Susan Bissett played well winning the only two sets and Angela Oldham although only winning one set, lost the other two in hard fought struggles, however Newcomb Maroon got home by 4 sets 31 games to St Albans 2 sets 25 games to remain top.

BLUE CONTINUE ON

Newcomb Blue has continued on to hold down 2nd position on the Section 1 Tennis Geelong ladder with a solid win over Waurm Ponds on Saturday. Blue's Chris Higgins was in a mean mood winning his 3 sets and conceding only 5 games in the process, and with Zoe Duff and Steve Donaldson chipping in with two sets, ensured a Blue victory.

For Waurm Ponds, youngster Nicole Mullen was a standout winning the Pond's only 2 sets for the day, however Newcomb Blue too strong winning 4 sets 27 games to Waurm Ponds 2 sets 18 games.

GROVEDALE CONSOLIDATE THIRD

Grovedale consolidated 3rd place with a strong victory over Highton in the final match in Section 1 on Saturday by 5 sets to 1. The Grove team of Lisa Graham, Tamika Hider, Cameron Govan and Steven Muratori played strongly throughout to record a runaway win. Highton's Natalie Lambden and Ross Parkinson won the only set for the team in their loss 1 set 23 games to Grovedale 5 sets 34 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER - Newcomb Maroon 44 points, Newcomb Blue 31, Grovedale 27, St Albans 21, Waurm Ponds 16, Highton 5.

HEIGHTS REMAIN FOURTH

In Section 2 Tennis Geelong on Saturday Wandana Heights at home proved far too strong for Geelong East Uniting, winning 5 sets to 1 to remain 4th on the ladder. The Heights team of Matthew Jolliffe, Ben Jones, James Curtis and Matthew Bell, although losing the opening set won the next five to seal victory.

Paul Field and Kim Lizmore were the only winners for East in their loss 1 set 20 games to Wandana Heights 5 sets 34 games.

HIGHTON SURPRISE SPRINGS

Highton at home surprised previously top side Clifton Springs, winning 4 sets to 2 in Section 2 Tennis Geelong on Saturday and although still 3rd has closed the gap on the top two teams. Highton's Peter Edwards led the way winning all his sets and with Ryan Parkinson and Lionel Fernandes chipping in with two sets each, ensured the win.

For the Springs Peter Havelberg was best winning the Springs' only two sets for the day. Overall Highton on the move winning 4 sets 34 games to Clifton Springs 2 sets 27 games.

PARK BACK ON TOP

Hamlyn Park thrashed bottom team All Saints Anglican in the final Section 2 match on Saturday and with the win has moved back into top place on the ladder. The Park men of Jozef Horvat, Tyler Dickson, Tony Lazic and Robert Arzanovski completely out-gunned the Saints by 6 sets to love, allowing the Saints only six games for the day in the biggest loss of the season thus far.

SECTION 2 Ladder - Hamlyn Park 36 points, Clifton Springs 35, Highton 31, Wandana Heights 20, Geelong East Uniting 11, All Saints Anglican 11.