BELLBRAE TOWEL HEIGHTS

Bellbrae towelled up Wandana Heights in the first season of Tennis Geelong's revamped midweek ladies competition, taking out the Section 1 premiership five sets to one. All winners in each section received white towels with the Tennis Geelong logo in a great season of tennis concluding with a presentation at Geelong Lawn Tennis Club. 76 teams participated for the season, which was outstanding, and with another 7 clubs and 10 teams likely to join for the coming season



LtoR Bellbrae - Margaret Leigh, Lyn Dillon, Leanne Rich, Kristie Walters, Jennie Prince, Wandana – Kim Humphrey, Heather Jillard, Carol Dodds, Lisa Swan, Ida Durran.

commencing 15/7/13, the future of Midweek Tennis Geelong is assured. The next season should be an exciting season of tennis with finals on 12th, 19th, 26th November 2013.

In the Section 1 grand final Bellbrae with Margaret Leigh and Jennie Prince in outstanding form winning all their sets, never looked in doubt to win, with Lyn Dillon and Kristie Walters adding 2 sets each Bellbrae was home. Heather Jillard and Carol Dodds won the Heights only set in their loss 1 set 21 games to Bellbrae 5 sets 35 games.

LAWN HOME BY 3 GAMES

Geelong Lawn Green with Sue Mackey and Tracey Wilson in fine form winning two sets each got Lawn over the line to win Section 2 Midweek Ladies grand final by 3 games over Anglesea with sets even.

For Anglesea Sue Forsyth and Sue Mahoney matched the efforts of Mackey and Wilson for Lawn winning 2 sets each also. However, Lawn just over the line taking the grand final by 3 sets 32 games to Anglesea 3 sets 29 games to win the flag.

OTHER GRAND FINALS

- Section 3 Jan Juc 5 sets 34 games def Winchelsea 1 set 15 games.
- Section 4 Clifton Springs 3 sets 29 games def Jan Juc 3 sets 26 games.
- Section 5 Barwon Heads 3 sets 36 games def Ocean Grove 3 sets 33 games.
- Section 6 Geelong Lawn 3 sets 31 games def Grovedale 3 sets 28 games.
- Section 7 Moriac 4 sets 26 games def Aireys Inlet 2 sets 22 games.
- Section 8 Barwon Heads 4 sets 29 games def Clifton Springs 2 sets 20 games.
- Section 9 Torquay 6 sets 36 games def All Saints Anglican 0 sets 8 games.
- Section 10 Highton 4 sets 29 games def Waurn Ponds 2 sets 22 games.

HEPNER WOMEN DOMINATE AGAIN

In Women's Grade 1 Section 2 of Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant on Saturday, top side Hepner Place Indoor travelled to Dendy Park and came away with another dominant win. The Hepner team of Carolyn McGann, Ramona Mataruga, Kellie Brunger and Karen Filippou completely outplayed their opposition allowing them only nine games for the day.

Final result - Hepner Place Indoor 4 rubbers 8 sets 48 games to Dendy Park No.2

0 rubbers 0 sets 9 games.

LAWN SUFFER ANOTHER LOSS

Geelong Lawn in Women's Grade 2 Section 1 of Melbourne Pennant suffered another loss on Saturday at Kooyong, going down to Kooyong Lawn No.2 by 3 rubbers to 1.

Lawn's Julie Golightly and Fiona Walker won the only rubber for the team, their reverse rubber in straight sets after losing their first rubber in straight sets.

Sascha Bruenjes and Lynda Vaughan lost one rubber in straight and the other rubber 6/3 in the third. Overall Kooyong Lawn No.2 too good, winning 3 rubbers 6 sets 49 games to Geelong Lawn 1 rubber 3 sets 36 games. Lawn still holds down 6th position on the ladder.

HEPNER HOLD ON

In Grade 2 Section 2 of Women's Melbourne Pennant on Saturday, Hepner Place Indoor kept its place in the four with a narrow win over Wonga Park at home. Taylor Sobczyk and Alessia Roso lost the opening rubber for Hepner in 3 sets, however made amends by taking out their reverse doubles in straight sets. Taylor Mielczarek and Claudia Gunjaca started well winning their first rubber comfortably in straight sets and in their reverse rubber battled strongly but lost 5/7 in the third. Hepner Place Indoor, by winning 2 rubbers in straight and 1 set in both losing rubbers, saw them home by 2 rubbers 6 sets 50 games to Wonga Park 2 rubbers 4 sets 40 games.

HEPNER WASHED OUT AGAIN

Top side Hepner Place Indoor travelled to Maccabi on Saturday in Men's Grade 1 Section 2 of Victorian Melbourne Pennant and suffered another draw as the match was abandoned because of rain. The Hepner team still remains top of the Grade 1 ladder.

KOOYONG TOO GOOD FOR LAWN

Geelong Lawn in Men's Grade 2 Section 1 of Melbourne Pennant has lost touch with the four suffering another loss on Saturday, this time against Kooyong Lawn No.1.

Barry Golightly and Nicholas Vicary won Lawn's only rubber for the day in a solid

3-setter, but lost their other rubber in 3 sets. Lawn's Ben Robinson and Michael Jiang lost one rubber in straight sets and were a little unlucky in the other rubber, losing in a tiebreak 3rd set, however Kooyong Lawn No.1 proved the stronger winning the match by 3 rubbers 7 sets 54 games to Geelong Lawn 1 rubber 4 sets 45 games.

BEAUMARIS SMASH HEPNER

Hepner Place Indoor in Men's Grade 2 Section 2 Melbourne Pennant crashed out of the four on Saturday at the hands of Beaumaris Lawn No.2 who smashed Hepner by

4 rubbers to nil. Hepner's Brodie Young and Nelson Roso lost their rubbers in straight sets while Nick Fenaughty and Jake Dunn lost one rubber in straight and the other rubber in 3 hard fought sets, however Beaumaris Lawn No.2 won 4 rubbers 8 sets 56 games to Hepner 0 rubbers 1 set 33 games.

HEPNER DOWN LISTON

Hepner Place Indoor maintained its position in the four of Men's Grade 2 Section 3 Melbourne Pennant on Saturday, downing Liston at Centre Court Indoor by 3 rubbers to 1. Father and son combination Tony and James Brushfield started proceedings for Hepner Place losing the opening rubber in 3 hard fought sets, the final set being a tiebreak. Hepner's Brent McCombe and David Kos also had a 3-setter which they won well in the final set.

In the reverse doubles the Brushfields played strongly to win in straight sets, while McCombe and Kos sealed the match for Hepner, winning in straight also to bring Hepner Place Indoor home by 3 rubbers 7 sets 56 games to Liston 1 rubber 3 sets 33 games.

MAROON CRUSH DALE

Newcomb Maroon, top and undefeated this season in Section 1 Tennis Geelong, crushed previously 3rd placed Grovedale by 6 sets to love, pushing Dale back to 4th on the ladder. As predicted the Maroon team of Bridget LeMaitre, Ana Clifton, Joanne Puckett, Greg Steele, Peppe Scorpo and Peter Rogers has dominated the season thus far, losing few sets, and is set to break all records by not only becoming champions not losing a match for the season but losing the least number of sets as well. The way they dismantled Grovedale on Saturday was outstanding, losing only 7 games in their crushing win by 6 sets 36 games to Grovedale 0 sets 7 games.

SAINTS MOVE INTO THIRD

St Albans at home to Waurn Ponds moved into 3rd place on the Section 1 ladder with a solid 4 sets to 2 win over the Ponds. For the winners Matthew Allen had a day out, winning all his sets and conceding only 3 games in an outstanding performance. He had solid backing from Susan Bissett and Phillip Nash winning 2 sets each.

It may have been a different result in the match for the Ponds had they won 1st mixed with Nicole Mullen and Cameron Knuckey going down in a tiebreak to Bissett and Nash. For the Ponds Emily Machar played well and was involved in the Ponds' only 2 sets for the day in their loss 2 sets 21 games to St Albans 4 sets 29 games.

BLUE HOME IN CLOSE ONE

Second placed Newcomb Blue had to struggle on Saturday against bottom side Highton in Section 1 Tennis Geelong getting home 4 sets to 2. All four players for Blue won 2 sets each in a solid team effort with Zoe Duff, Peppe Scorpo, Emma Nixon and Chris Higgins involved in a tough hard fought struggle. Highton's Kellie Foster, Brian Spong, Natalie Lambden and Stan Kenyon took it up to Blue winning both opening mixed doubles sets, but could not sustain the effort and lost the final 4 sets and the match to Newcomb Blue by 4 sets 34 games to 2 sets 26 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER - Newcomb Maroon 60 points, Newcomb Blue 37, St Albans 33, Grovedale 29, Waurn Ponds 24, Highton 9.

SPRINGS POWER ON

Clifton Springs powered on in Section 2 Tennis Geelong competition defeating bottom placed All Saints Anglican by 6 sets to love to remain in top place.

The Springs team of Peter Havelberg, Adam Hill, Joshua Matthews and Craig Duncan proved far too strong for All Saints, winning 6 sets 36 games to All Saints Anglican

0 sets 17 games.

HIGHTON PRESSING FOR TOP TWO PLACE

Highton continued its good form on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis defeating 4th placed Wandana Heights 6 sets to love to keep pressing for a top two place come finals time.

The Highton team of Ryan and Ross Parkinson, Lionel Fernandes and Peter Edwards are combining well and were far too good, defeating Wandana Heights by 6 sets 36 games to 0 sets 17 games.

PARK POWER ON

Hamlyn Park at home to Geelong East Uniting in Section 2 Tennis Geelong Competition on Saturday powered their way to another 6 sets to love victory to retain 2nd place on the ladder. Park's Jozef Horvat, Tony Lazic, Tyler Dickson and Robert Arzanovski showed no mercy in winning 6 sets 37 games to Geelong East Uniting 0 sets 10 games.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Clifton Springs 49 points, Hamlyn Park 47, Highton 44, Wandana Heights 22, Geelong East Uniting 17, All Saints Anglican 13.