

## **HEPNER ROLLS ON**

In Men's Grade 1 Section 2 of Melbourne Pennant on Saturday, Hepner Place Indoor maintained top place winning 3 rubbers to 1 over Royal South Yarra. Matt Hicks and Ry Davies for Hepner won in straight in the opening rubber and with Nathan Mayes and Justin Robinson doing likewise in the second rubber, Hepner was well on the way. In the reverse doubles Hicks and Davies won well in straight while Mayes and Robinson lost in 3 sets. Hepner too good winning 3 rubbers 7 sets to Royal South Yarra 1 rubber 2 sets 32 games.

## **LAWN SLIP FURTHER BEHIND LOSING BY 1 GAME**

Geelong Lawn was away to Glen Iris Valley in Men's Grade 2 Section 1 Melbourne Pennant on Saturday and suffered a one game loss only which could mean their season is over. Lawn's Ari Levinson and Lewis O'Brien lost their opening rubber easily in straight sets, however won their reverse rubber in straight sets, just as well. Ben Robinson and Barry Golightly won their first rubber for Lawn comfortably, but lost their reverse doubles badly in straight sets to leave Geelong Lawn one game short, losing to Glen Iris Valley 2 rubbers 4 sets 34 games to Geelong Lawn 2 rubbers 4 sets 33 games.

## **HEPNER THRASH EAGLEMONT**

Hepner Place No.1 thrashed Eaglemont in Men's Grade 2 Section 2 of Melbourne Pennant on Saturday recording a runaway victory by 4 rubbers to love. The team of Matthew Moloney, Matthew Fisher, Daniel Simko and Nelson Roso dominated from the outset with Simko and Roso losing the only set for the day in the final reverse doubles to remain in the fight for the four. Final result – Hepner Place No.1 4 rubbers 8 sets 54 games to Eaglemont 0 rubbers 1 set 29 games.

## **CLOSE SHAVE FOR HEPNER**

Hepner Place No.2 had a close shave against North Ringwood on Saturday in Men's Grade 2 Section 3 of Melbourne Pennant getting home by a set and 3 games. James Brushfield and his father Tony were outstanding for Hepner winning both their doubles rubbers in straight sets in fine style to seal the match. David Kos and Keith Bone battled hard for Hepner, but lost both their rubbers, the first in straight and the reverse doubles in 3 hard fought sets, losing in a tiebreak third set, however Hepner managed to hold on for a 2 rubbers 5 sets 44 games victory over North Ringwood 2 rubbers 4 sets 41 games to maintain their position in the four.

## **HEPNER WOMEN SMASH ROYAL SOUTH YARRA**

Hepner Place in Women's Grade 1 Section 2 of Melbourne Pennant continues to dominate the competition with another smashing win, this time against Royal South Yarra 4 rubbers to love. The Hepner team of Carolyn McGann, Ramona Mataruga, Kellie Brunger and Karen Filippou are in outstanding form and look set to go all the way in this premier event, after completely outplaying Royal South Yarra, winning 4 rubbers 8 sets 48 games to no rubbers no sets 13 games to be outright leaders on top of the ladder in Tennis Victoria Grade 1 competition.

## **HEPNER THRASHED IN WOMEN'S GRADE 2**

Hepner Place Indoor travelled to Boronia on Saturday in Women's Grade 2 Section 2 of Melbourne Pennant and were completely outplayed by the top side. Hepner's Taylah Mielczarek and Brooke Starling fought hard in the opening rubber going down 6/4 in the third. Alessia Roso and Claudia Gunjaca won the opening set for Hepner in a tiebreak in the second rubber, however won only one game in the next two sets, losing in three. In the reverse doubles Hepner lost both badly with Boronia running out winners by 4 rubbers 8 sets 57 games to Hepner Place 0 rubbers 2 sets 29 games. Hepner still remain 3<sup>rd</sup> on the ladder.

## **LAWN DOWN AGAIN**

In Women's Grade 2 Section 1 of Melbourne Pennant Geelong Lawn ladies have slipped further on the ladder following their loss 3 rubbers to 1 to Essendon on Saturday. Lawn's Fiona Walker lost in straight sets while Sascha Bruenjes was involved in a marathon struggle which she lost 7/6 5/7 7/6. Julie Golightly won Lawn's only rubber for the day in 3 sets and Vanessa Calvert lost the last rubber for Lawn in straight sets. Overall Essendon far too good winning 3 rubbers 7 sets 57 games to Geelong Lawn 1 rubber 2 sets 31 games, which keeps Lawn in 6<sup>th</sup> place

## **MAROON MARCH ON**

Top side Newcomb Maroon continued its match to this season's flag with another 6 sets to love victory over bottom placed Highton on Saturday in Section 1 Tennis Geelong.

The Highton team, although bottom on the table, took it up to Maroon however with Bridget LeMaitre, Raquel Walter, Greg Steele and Peter Rodgers in solid form Newcomb Maroon got home by 6 sets 38 games to Highton 0 sets 21 games.

## **SAINTS SURPRISE BLUE**

St Albans moved to within one point of 2<sup>nd</sup> place on Saturday with a 4 sets to 2 win over 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Newcomb Blue in Section 1 Tennis Geelong. With the inclusion of top player Adam Lasky winning all his sets and with Clare Burns and Susan Bissett continuing to play well, the Saints played strongly and proved too good on the day.

Blue's Steve Donaldson fought hard all day winning Blue's only 2 sets for the day, however St Albans home by 4 sets 31 games to Newcomb Blue 2 sets 24 games.

## **PONDS NOW EQUAL FOURTH**

Waurn Ponds is now equal with Grovedale in 4<sup>th</sup> place following a strong win against Grovedale on Saturday in Section 1 Tennis Geelong. For the winners Nicole Mullen, Emily Machar and Tom Ferry played well to see the team home.

For Grovedale Cameron Govan played well, however Waurn Ponds won 4 sets 31 games to Grovedale 2 sets 22 games.

**SECTION 1 LADDER** – Newcomb Maroon 75 points, Newcomb Blue 47, St Albans 46, Grovedale 31, Waurn Ponds 31, Highton 10.

## **ALL SAINTS PUSH HIGHTON**

Bottom placed All Saints Anglican pushed previously 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Highton all the way in Section 2 Tennis Geelong on Saturday going down by 6 games with sets even. Highton has now dropped to 3<sup>rd</sup> following this close victory. For Highton Peter Edwards was outstanding winning Highton's 3 sets for the day, conceding only 7 games in the process in a match-winning performance.

For All Saints Paul Codd, Peter Kelly and Nick Geelhoed all won 2 sets each, however Highton prevailed winning 3 sets 33 games to All Saints Anglican

3 sets 27 games.

## **PARK MAINTAIN TOP**

Hamlyn Park at home in Section 2 fought off a gallant Wandana Heights (4<sup>th</sup>) on Saturday winning 4 sets to 2 and maintaining top place. For Park Tony Lazic led the way winning all his sets to ensure a Park victory and with Jozef Horvat and Tyler Dickson playing well, Park proved too good.

For the Heights Danny McGlade was outstanding winning the Heights' only 2 sets, however Hamlyn Park a little stronger winning 4 sets 32 games to Wandana Heights 2 sets 26 games.

## **SPRINGS BACK INTO SECOND**

Clifton Springs jumped back into 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Section 2 on Saturday with a workmanlike win over Geelong East Uniting by 4 sets to 2. Springs' Trevor Vallance was outstanding not losing a set for the day and with Peter Havelberg and Adam Hill in fine form got the Springs home.

For East, Luke Kosmetschke played well to win East's only 2 sets for the day, however Clifton Springs won 4 sets 34 games to Geelong East Uniting 2 sets 23 games.

**SECTION 2 LADDER** – Hamlyn Park 59 points, Clifton Springs 57, Highton 57, Wandana Heights 30, Geelong East Uniting 19, All Saints Anglican 18.