

HEPNER SMASHED BY NORTH RINGWOOD

Hepner Place Indoor travelled to North Ringwood on Saturday in Grade 1 Section 2 Melbourne Pennant and was smashed by the home team by 4 rubbers to love, and failed to win a set in the process. This was Hepner's first loss for the season with Matthew Hicks, Justin Robinson, Ali Samir and Jayson Tomicic all losing their rubbers in straight sets. Hicks and Robinson made their opposition work hard, however Samir and Tomicic lost their rubbers badly, winning only 3 games in four sets.

Overall North Ringwood too good winning 4 rubbers 8 sets 51 games to Hepner Place Indoor 0 rubbers 0 sets 23 games. Hepner has remained top with North Ringwood 2nd on the ladder.

MATCH ABANDONED

In Men's Grade 2 Section 1 the match between Geelong Lawn and Royal South Yarra was abandoned because of rain. Lawn's Nicholas Vicary and Ben Robinson managed to complete one set of their rubbers, however Lewis O'Brien and Michael Jiang did not start their rubbers and the match was abandoned with Royal South Yarra leading 2 sets 15 games to Geelong Lawn 0 sets 9 games.

HEPNER HOLD ON TO FOURTH

Hepner Place Indoor No.1 in Grade 2 Section 2 of Melbourne Pennant was away to bottom team Dendy Park on Saturday and scraped in by 1 set only with rubbers even to hold on to 4th place on the Section 2 ladder after 11 rounds. Brodie Young got Hepner away to a good start winning the first rubber in straight sets. Nelson Roso backed this up for Hepner taking out the 2nd rubber also to set the win up, however Hepner's Nick Fenaughty and Jeremy Tobin both lost their rubbers with Fenaughty gaining the valuable set in his loss 6/3 in the 3rd set to see Hepner Place Indoor No.1 home by 2 rubbers 5 sets 37 games to Dendy Park 2 rubbers 4 sets 44 games.

TOP PLACE FOR HEPNER

Hepner Place Indoor at home on Saturday in Grade 2 Section 3 proved too good for Yarraville, winning 3 rubbers to 1 and has moved into top place on the ladder in Melbourne Pennant. Hepner's Daniel Simko, Brent McCombe and David Kos were outstanding, winning their singles rubbers in straight sets in convincing style. Hepner's only rubber loss was the 3rd singles when veteran Tony Brushfield lost in straight, however the damage had been done with Hepner Place Indoor running out winners by 3 rubbers 6 sets 43 games to Yarraville 1 rubber 2 sets 28 games.

HEPNER WOMEN RECEIVE FORFEIT

In Women's Grade 1 Section 2 of Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant on Saturday Hepner Place Indoor received a forfeit from 4th placed MCC which is highly unusual in the top competition in Victoria. The circumstances of the forfeit are not known. Hepner claimed the match by 4 rubbers 8 sets 48 games to nil and is now 28 points clear of 2nd placed Grace Park on top of the ladder.

LAWN DOWN TO DOVETON

In Women's Grade 2 Section 1 Geelong Lawn was away to Doveton and found Doveton too good on the day, losing 3 rubbers to 1. Julie Golightly was Lawn's only winner on the day, winning her rubber comfortably in straight sets. Fiona Walker, Sascha Bruenjes and Fairlie Lamond all lost their rubbers for Lawn with Doveton recording a strong win by 3 rubbers to 1. Geelong Lawn still remains in 6th position on the ladder and will find it difficult to make the four with few matches remaining.

HEPNER STILL THIRD AFTER LOSS

Hepner Place in Women's Grade 2 Section 2 of Melbourne Pennant on Saturday at home lost to 4th placed Glen Iris 3 rubbers to 1 but has held on to 3rd on the ladder. Hepner's Taylor Sobczyk and Alessia Roso found the going tough in the opening two singles rubbers losing both in straight, although Roso almost forced a 3-setter losing in the 2nd set in a tiebreak. Taylah Mielczarek opened the account for Hepner winning in straight sets and Hepner's only rubber for the day. In the final rubber Claudia Gunjaca fought hard for Hepner, however lost the rubber in 3 sets. Final result – Glen Iris 3 rubbers 6 sets 47 games to Hepner Place 1 rubber 3 sets 31 games.

There was no local tennis last Saturday with Tennis Geelong competitions, senior and junior, shut down because of the school holidays. Play in all sections will recommence again this coming Saturday.