

HEPNER HOLD ON TO WIN

Hepner Place men held on to win narrowly over Eildon Park in Grade 1 Section 2 on Saturday to remain top of the ladder in Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant. Matt Hicks, Ry Davies, Justin Robinson and Nathan Mayes started badly, losing the opening two doubles rubbers in 3 hard fought sets for Hepner, but they made up for this poor start by winning the match for Hepner by 2 rubbers 6 sets 59 games to Eildon Park 2 rubbers 6 sets 56 games.

LAWN LOSING GROUND

In Men's Grade 2 Section 1 of Melbourne Pennant Geelong Lawn has slipped out of finals contention losing to Eildon Park on Saturday by 3 rubbers to 1. Lawn's Ari Levinson and Lewis O'Brien, after losing the opening rubber in straight sets, fought back well to win the reverse doubles rubber and Lawn's only rubber in straight sets. Nicholas Vicary and Barry Golightly battled hard all day losing their first rubber in 3 sets and then lost their reverse rubber narrowly in straight sets for Lawn. Final result – Eildon Park 3 rubbers 6 sets 52 games to Geelong Lawn 1 rubber 3 sets 44 games.

HEPNER BIG WINNERS

In Men's Grade 2 Section 2 of Melbourne Pennant on Saturday Hepner Place No.1 travelled to East Malvern and came away with a big win by 4 rubbers to love. The Hepner men of Matt Maloney, Matt Fisher, Brodie Young and Nelson Roso were never troubled winning all 4 rubbers with Young and Roso losing the only set for the afternoon, winning the 2nd rubber in 3 sets. The win has cemented the team in the four. Overall – Hepner Place No.1 4 rubbers 8 sets 52 games to East Malvern 0 rubbers 1 set 33 games.

HEPNER HOME STRONGLY

Hepner Place proved far too strong for Orrong Park on Saturday in Men's Grade 2 Section 3 of Melbourne Pennant with a powerhouse performance, winning 4 rubbers to love and retaining top place on the ladder. Hepner's father and son combination, Tony and James Brushfield, won both their doubles rubbers in straight sets. Daniel Simko and David Kos did likewise for Hepner winning both their doubles rubbers in straight and did not lose a game in their first rubber.

Final result – Hepner Place Indoor 4 rubbers 8 sets 51 games to Orrong Park 0 rubbers 0 sets 24 games.

HEPNER LADIES' SHOCK LOSS

Hepner Place travelled to Grace Park on Saturday in Women's Grade 1 Section 2 of Melbourne Pennant without top players Carolyn McGann and Kelly Brunger and suffered a shock loss by 3 rubbers to 1. Ramona Mataruga and Karen Filippou lost the opening rubber for Hepner in straight sets, however won their reverse doubles rubber in straight.

Abbey Walker and Carly McClelland for Hepner found the going too much, losing both their doubles rubbers in straight sets winning only two games in the process. This loss has not affected their top position on the ladder. Overall result – Grace Park 3 rubbers 6 sets 45 games to Hepner Place 1 rubber 2 sets 23 games.

LAWN WASHED OUT

In Women's Grade 2 Section 1 of Melbourne Pennant, Geelong Lawn at home to Kooyong Lawn No.1 on Saturday started well, however the match was abandoned due to persistent rain. Lawn's Julie Golightly, Fiona Walker, Sascha Bruenjes and Bianca Tepper held the lead by 1 rubber 2 sets 16 games to Kooyong Lawn No.1, 0 rubbers 1 set 10 games when rain washed out any further play.

DONVALE TOO GOOD

Hepner Place at home at Centre Court Indoor on Saturday in Women's Grade 2 Section 2 of Melbourne Pennant found Donvale No.2 too good, losing by 3 rubbers to 1, however they hold on to 4th place, just. Hepner's Brooke Starling and Taylah Mielczarek lost both doubles rubbers in straight sets and were a little unlucky not to force a 3-setter in both as they lost the 2nd set in both in a tiebreak.

Taylor Sobczyk and Alessia Roso lost their opening doubles rubber for Hepner in straight, however made amends in the reverse doubles, taking the rubber in straight and Hepner's only rubber for the day in their loss to Donvale No.2 by 3 rubbers 6 sets 45 games to Hepner 1 rubber 2 sets 34 games.

TENNIS WASHOUT

All tennis in both senior and junior Tennis Geelong Competition was washed out on Saturday due to persistent rain. With no play the week before due to the school holidays and matches cancelled last Saturday only 4 rounds remain before finals commencing August 17th.

In Section 1 Newcomb Maroon is on top 28 points clear of 2nd placed Newcomb Blue who are only 1 point clear of 3rd placed St Albans. With only 4 rounds left the top three are set, however 4th place will be a battle between Grovedale and Waurin Ponds as they are locked at 31 points each.

Next Saturday Grovedale is away to St Albans (3rd) and then plays both Newcomb teams and Waurin Ponds in the last round. They will need to win at least two of these matches to have any chance of playing finals. Waurin Ponds, on the other hand, has bottom team Highton this week followed by St Albans, Newcomb Maroon and Grovedale. They also will need to win 2 matches with the winner of their clash in the last round likely to claim 4th position for the finals.

In Section 2 the fight for the coveted top spot is a battle between Hamlyn Park 59 points and Clifton Springs and Highton on 57 points with Wandana Heights making up the four on 30 points.

In the run home Hamlyn Park plays Highton, Geelong East Uniting, Clifton Springs and Wandana Heights and should win at least two. Clifton Springs plays Wandana Heights, All Saints Anglican, Hamlyn Park and Geelong East Uniting. They play the bottom three teams in their final four matches and could take top place away from Hamlyn Park.

Highton has Hamlyn Park, Wandana Heights, Geelong East Uniting and All Saints Anglican and by playing the bottom three teams, also could be a chance for top place as well.