

HOME FINALS FOR HEPNER

Hepner Place Indoor will host three finals at Centre Court Indoor next Saturday in Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant following the final round of matches.

The Men's Grade 1 Section 2 team, although beaten 4 rubbers to love in the final round by 4 rubbers to love in the final round by Donvale, still retain top place and will host the first final next Saturday. The Hepner team, with their top player Matt Hicks still missing from the line-up found Donvale too good on the day.

Adam Lasky and Ry Davies fought hard in the opening doubles rubber and lost narrowly in 3 sets for Hepner. In their reverse doubles they went down in closely contested straight sets. Justin Robinson and Nathan Mayes lost the 2nd rubber for Hepner in straight and went down in 3 close sets in their reverse doubles. Overall, Donvale won 4 rubbers 8 sets 61 games to Hepner Place Indoor 0 rubbers 2 sets 47 games.

Hepner's Grade 2 Section 3 Men's team will also play a home final next week having thrashed Grace Park in the final round 4 rubbers to love to keep top place for the finals. The team of Tony and James Brushfield, David Kos and Brent McCombe played outstanding tennis all day and lost only 2 sets for the afternoon when both combinations lost a set in the opening two doubles rubbers. Final result – Hepner Place Indoor No.2 4 rubbers 8 sets 58 games defeated Grace Park 0 rubbers 2 sets 38 games.

Hepner women in Grade 1 Section 2 will also host a home final next Saturday after a solid 3 rubbers to 1 victory over Eaglemont on Saturday to hold on to top spot. For Hepner, Carolyn McGann and Ramona Mataruga won both their doubles rubbers comfortably in straight sets, while Kellie Brunger and Karen Filippou won their 1st rubber in straight, however lost the final rubber in straight, but Hepner Place home by 3 rubbers 6 sets 41 games to Eaglemont 1 rubber 2 sets 25 games.

ANOTHER FINAL FOR HEPNER

Hepner's Men's Grade 2 Section 2 of Melbourne Pennant consolidated its position in the four for the finals with a runaway win over Dandenong by 4 rubbers to love. The Hepner team of Daniel Simko, Nelson Roso, Jake Dunn and Nick Fenaughty completely outplayed their opposition, winning all rubbers in straight sets to record a 4 rubbers 8 sets 48 games victory over Dandenong 0 rubbers 0 sets 21 games.

HEPNER SNEAK IN

Hepner has had an excellent Winter Melbourne Pennant with their Women's Grade 2 Section 2 team winning their final round match against Grace Park by 7 games only to sneak in to 4th place for the finals. Hepner's Brooke Starling and Taylah Mielczarek led the way winning both their doubles rubbers in fine style to set up the victory. Claudia Gunjaca and Carly McClelland battled hard for Hepner in their doubles rubbers, however lost both in straight sets, but gathered enough games to see Hepner home by 2 rubbers 4 sets 40 games to Grace Park 2 rubbers 4 sets 33 games.

LAWN FINISH ON LOW NOTE

Geelong Lawn were at home to Beaumaris Lawn No.1 on Saturday in Men's Grade 2 Section 1 Melbourne Pennant and finished the season on a low note, losing 4 rubbers to love to finish 6th on the ladder. The Lawn team of Ari Levinson, Nick Vicary, Ben Robinson and Barry Golightly fought hard all day, losing 3 rubbers in tough 3-setters and one in straight in their loss to Beaumaris Lawn No.1.

LAWN DOWN BY A SET

In Women's Grade 2 Section 1 of Melbourne Pennant on Saturday Geelong Lawn finished the season in 6th position on the ladder losing to Royal South Yarra by 1 set only with rubbers and games even.

Lawn's Sascha Bruenjes and Bianca Tepper won their opening doubles rubber in straight sets, however lost their reverse doubles rubber in straight also. Fiona Walker and Julie Golightly did likewise for Lawn losing their opening rubber in straight sets, but managed to win their reverse doubles rubber in 3 sets, however the set won in this rubber was enough to give Royal South Yarra the victory over Geelong Lawn by 2 rubbers 5 sets 41 games to 2 rubbers 4 sets 41 games.

WAURN PONDS STORM INTO FINALS CONTENTION

Waurm Ponds at home on Saturday has stormed into finals contention with a powerful 6 sets to nil victory over 3rd placed St Albans on Saturday in Tennis Geelong Section 1. The Ponds are now in 4th position, only one point behind St Albans. For the Ponds, veteran Michael Mullen and his daughter Nicole along with Tom Ferry and Emily Machar completely outplayed the Saints to record a 6 sets 37 games to 0 sets 18 games victory.

GROVEDALE BACK TO FIFTH

Grovedale at home to top side Newcomb Maroon has slipped out of the four and is now 5th in Tennis Geelong Section 1, following their loss to the Maroons by 5 sets to 1 on Saturday.

The Maroon team of Bridget LeMaitre, Ana Clifton, Greg Steele and Peter Rodgers played solidly all day losing only one set, the last of the day, when Lisa Graham and Ben Flynn won for Grove. However, Newcomb Maroon too good winning 5 sets 35 games to Grovedale 1 set 22 games.

BLUE DEMOLISH HIGHTON

2nd placed Newcomb Blue demolished bottom side Highton on Saturday in the final match in Section 1 Tennis Geelong by 6 sets to love, allowing Highton only five games in the process. The Blue team of Bianca Duff, Chris Higgins, Zoe Duff and Steve Donaldson proved far too good, winning 6 sets 36 games to Highton 0 sets 5 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER – Newcomb Maroon 87 points, Newcomb Blue 66, St Albans 50, Waurm Ponds 49, Grovedale 44, Highton 16.

PARK HOLD DOWN TOP

Hamlyn Park has held on to top place in Section 2 Tennis Geelong on Saturday with a strong win over 5th placed Geelong East Uniting by 5 sets to 1. The Park team of Jozef Horvat, Tony Lazic, Tyler Dickson and Robert Arzanovski was dominant, losing only 10 games for the day which included the 2nd set loss when East's Paul Field and Connor Morris won well, which was against the flow. However, Hamlyn Park far too strong defeating Geelong East Uniting by 5 sets 31 games to 1 set 10 games.

SPRINGS IN CLOSE ONE

Clifton Springs kept its 2nd spot alive with a close victory over bottom placed All Saints Anglican on Saturday in Tennis Geelong Section 2 by 4 sets to 2. For the Springs Joshua Matthews, Adam Hill and Dave Lowe played solidly throughout the day, winning 2 sets each to get the Springs home. For All Saints, Nathan Cameron won the Saints' only sets for the day in their loss 2 sets 23 games to Clifton Springs 4 sets 30 games.

HIGHTON PUT WANDANA AWAY

In the final game in Section 2 Tennis Geelong, Highton has kept the pressure on for a top two finish with a 5 sets to 1 win over 4th placed Wandana Heights on Saturday. The Highton team, Ryan and Ross Parkinson, Lionel Fernandes and Peter Edwards played strongly throughout and after losing the first set of the day to the Heights' James Curtis and Ben Jones, won the next 5 sets and the match by 5 sets 34 games to Wandana Heights 1 set 17 games.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Hamlyn Park 75 points, Clifton Springs 72, Highton 71, Wandana Heights 38, Geelong East Uniting 31, All Saints Anglican 25.