

FIRST FINAL TO HEPNER GIRLS

In the first final of Women's Grade 1 Section 2 of Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant on Saturday, Hepner Place Indoor stormed home defeating M.C.C. by 3 rubbers to love, with one rubber unfinished as a result had been reached. The Hepner girls will play their second final next week and a win will put them in the grand final the week after.

Hepner's Ramona Mataruga, Karen Filippou and Carolyn McGann were in outstanding form winning their singles rubbers in straight sets. In the final rubber Abbie Walker was also in good form taking the first set comfortably. However, as a result had been reached no further action took place, with Hepner Indoor running out easy winners over M.C.C. by 3 rubbers 7 sets 43 games to 0 rubbers 0 sets 20 games.

HEPNER IN A STRONG POSITION

Hepner Place Indoor are in a strong position against Beaumaris in their first final in Men's Grade 2 Section 2 of Melbourne Pennant on Saturday, leading 3 rubbers to 1 when rain forced a stop to the match. The match will continue next Saturday with 2 doubles rubbers to be played to conclude the final.

The Hepner men of Matt Maloney, Brodie Young and Nick Fenaughty played strongly winning the first three singles rubbers in straight sets to build a good lead in the match. Nelson Roso found the going tough for Hepner, losing the final singles rubber in straight sets, however Hepner Place are looking good leading the match by 3 rubbers 6 sets 40 games to Beaumaris 1 rubber 2 sets 33 games, with two doubles rubbers to be played to finish the final.

HEPNER SHOCK EXIT IN GRADE 1

Hepner Place Indoor Men's Grade 1 Section 2 team made a shock exit from Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant on Saturday, losing narrowly to Kooyong Lawn. The Hepner Team who finished top of the ladder were expected to win against the 4th placed Kooyong Lawn in this knockout final.

Matthew Hicks got Hepner away to a good start, winning the opening rubber in straight sets. Adam Lasky fought strongly to come from behind in the final set to win in 3 sets to give Hepner 2 rubbers. This was short lived however, as Justin Robinson after winning the first set of his rubber lost the 2nd set in a tiebreak and also the 3rd set, to lose the rubber. This was a turning point in the match as Hepner's Nathan Mayes lost his rubber in straight to leave Hepner down by 1 set only with 2 doubles rubbers to play. Unfortunately for Hepner Ry Davies and Adam Lasky lost in straight sets whilst Matthew Hicks and Justin Robinson were at a set all and leading 2 love in the 3rd when the match stopped as a result had been reached, with Kooyong Lawn defeating Hepner Place Indoor by 3 rubbers 8 sets 69 games to 2 rubbers 6 sets 67 games.

ANOTHER SHOCK LOSS FOR HEPNER

Hepner Place Indoor, after finishing top of Men's Grade 2 Section 3 of Melbourne Pennant, found 4th placed Liston too strong at Centre Court Indoor on Saturday losing the knockout final by 4 rubbers to 1. Brent McCombe won Hepner's only rubber for the day taking out the 2nd rubber in straight sets, however James and Tony Brushfield lost in straight whilst David Kos, after winning the 1st set of his rubber, lost the next two sets to love to place Hepner in a precarious position, down 3 rubbers to 1 with the doubles to play.

Kos and McCombe fought out a marathon 3-setter, going down 7/5 for Hepner and with the Brushfields at a set all, the match was over with Liston running out strong winners by 4 rubbers 9 sets 67 games to Hepner Place Indoor 1 rubber 5 sets 54 games.

HIGHTON SHOCK SAINTS

Bottom team Highton shocked 3rd placed St Albans on Saturday in Section 1 Tennis Geelong to record a great victory, winning all sets played. The Highton team of Kellie Foster, Natalie Lambden, Brian Spong and Ross Parkinson was outstanding winning all but the second-last set which was unfinished due to rain and recorded their best win of the year by 5 sets 35 games to 0 sets 15 games.

MAROON CONTINUE TO DOMINATE

Newcomb Maroon with Bridget LeMaitre, Ana Clifton, Greg Steele and Braeden Lubcke continued to dominate the competition in Section 1 Tennis Geelong with a 5 sets to 1 victory over 4th placed Waurin Ponds on Saturday. The Maroons, after losing the first set of the day when LeMaitre and Steele lost to Nicole Mullen and Tom Ferry, never looked back winning the next five sets and the match by 5 sets 33 games to Waurin Ponds 1 set 22 games.

NEWCOMB BLUE CRUSH GROVE

Newcomb Blue completely outplayed and crushed Grovedale on Saturday in Section 1 Tennis Geelong allowing Grove only 6 games for the afternoon. The Blue team of Bianca Duff, Lynda Nixon, Chris Higgins and Steve Donaldson dominated from the outset to win 6 sets 36 games to Grovedale 0 sets 6 games to remain 2nd on the ladder.

SECTION 1 LADDER – Newcomb Maroon 94 points, Newcomb Blue 74, St Albans 50.5, Waurin Ponds 50, Grovedale 44, Highton 23.5.

PARK PUT SPRINGS AWAY

Top side Hamlyn Park at home to 2nd placed Clifton Springs before Saturday played outstanding tennis to put Clifton Springs away in Section 2 Tennis Geelong by 5 sets to 1 to push the Springs back to 3rd on the ladder. The Park men of Jozef Horvat, Tony Lazic, Tyler Dickson and Robert Arzanovski were relentless in disposing of the Springs by 5 sets to 1. The Springs' only shining light was Peter Havelberg and Craig Duncan winning Clifton Springs' only set for the day in their loss 1 set 20 games to Hamlyn Park 5 sets 34 games.

HIGHTON MOVE INTO SECOND

Highton has moved into second on the ladder with a workmanlike win over Geelong East Uniting on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis Geelong. The Highton team with Peter Ficca, Ryan Parkinson, Peter Edwards and Stan Kenyon in good form only lost one set for the day when East's Paul Field and Luke Kosmetschke won the 3rd set of the day. The last set of the day was unfinished due to rain; however the match was over with Highton winning 4 sets 29 games to Geelong East Uniting 1 set 19 games.

WANDANA REMAIN FOURTH

Wandana Heights has retained its place in 4th position on the Section 2 Tennis Geelong ladder with a hard fought victory over bottom placed All Saints Anglican by 4 sets to 2. For Wandana a good team effort with Matthew Jolliffe winning all 3 of his sets and Ben Jones and Danny McGlade chipping in with 2 each to see Wandana home. For All Saints Stuart Nixon was a standout winning the Saints' only sets for the day. Overall Wandana Heights too good winning 4 sets 33 games to All Saints Anglican 2 sets 25 games.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Hamlyn Park 82 points, Highton 77.5, Clifton Springs 73, Wandana Heights 44, Geelong East Uniting 32.5, All Saints Anglican 27.