

GIRLS LOSE PRELIM

Hepner Place Indoor lost their preliminary final to Kooyong Lawn in Women's Grade 1 of Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant on Saturday by 4 rubbers to 1. After a season of domination it was thought Hepner could win this final to get to the grand final next week, however Kooyong Lawn had other ideas and recorded a comfortable win.

In the four singles rubbers Ramona Mataruga and Carolyn McGann both lost in 3 hard fought sets whilst Abbie Walker lost her rubber in straight sets which left Hepner in all sorts of trouble. Hepner's Karen Filippou was the only shining light winning Hepner's only rubber in straight sets in a hard fought match.

In the doubles rubbers Filippou and Kellie Brunger lost the first set in a tiebreak and the second set to lose in straight, whilst Mataruga and McGann were a set all and down 4/5 in the third when the match stopped, with Kooyong Lawn proving too good winning 4 rubbers 9 sets 81 games to Hepner Place Indoor

1 rubber 5 sets 47 games.

HEPNER MEN STILL GOING

In the sectional final of Men's Grade 2 Section 2 of Melbourne Pennant on Saturday Hepner Place Indoor booked a finals place by defeating Beaumaris to conclude this match which was stopped by rain the previous week. Needing only one set from two men's doubles rubbers Matt Maloney and Jake Dunn, along with Matt Fisher and Brodie Young, took to the courts for Hepner with Fisher and Young winning the first set of their rubber while Maloney and Dunn lost their first set, however this was enough for Hepner to record a strong

3 rubbers 7 sets 49 games victory over Beaumaris 1 rubber 3 sets 42 games.

PONDS GRAB THIRD

In the last round of Section 1 Tennis Geelong Competition on Saturday Waurm Ponds grabbed 3rd place and finals with a powerful 5 sets to 1 victory over Grovedale. The Ponds team of Nicole Mullen, Emily Machar, Tom Ferry and Jayson Tomicic completely outplayed Grove to win all sets apart from 3rd mixed when Michelle Henderson and Ben Flynn won Grove's only set for the day, however the damage was done with Waurm Ponds winning 5 sets 32 games to Grovedale 1 set 11 games.

Waurm Ponds will now meet Newcomb Blue in next week's cut-throat final with the winner advancing to the grand final.

BLUE TOO STRONG FOR SAINTS

Newcomb Blue retained 2nd place on the Section 1 ladder for the finals with a massive 6 sets to love win over 4th placed St Albans, allowing the Saints only 10 games for the day. The Blue team of Bianca Duff, Lynda Nixon, Chris Higgins and Steve Donaldson is warming up for the finals and was far too strong for the Saints on Saturday.

Final result – Newcomb Blue 6 sets 36 games to St Albans 0 sets 10 games. The Saints will be up against top side Newcomb Maroon in next week's cut-throat semi-final.

MAROON ON TRACK FOR FLAG

Newcomb Maroon continued its domination of Section 1 Tennis Geelong by thrashing bottom placed Highton by 6 sets to love. The strong Maroon team of Bridget LeMaitre, Raquel Walter, David Kos and Peter Rodgers proved they are the team for this season's flag with a runaway win over Highton by 6 sets 36 games to 0 sets 12 games.

FINAL SECTION 1 LADDER – Newcomb Maroon 102 points, Newcomb Blue 82, Waurm Ponds 57, St Albans 50.5, Grovedale 45, Highton 23.5.

SPRINGS JUMP INTO SECOND

Clifton Springs on Saturday in the final round of Section 2 Tennis Geelong demolished Geelong East Uniting to jump into 2nd place on the ladder for the finals. The Springs team of Joshua Matthews, Nathan Batterham, Adam Hill and Craig Duncan played strongly to win 6 sets 37 games to Geelong East Uniting 0 sets 6 games, although East had a player missing.

SAINTS SURPRISE BY ONE GAME

Bottom team All Saints Anglican surprised 3rd placed Highton in Tennis Geelong Section 2 taking the match by 4 sets to 2 and by one game. Nathan Cameron was outstanding for the Saints, winning all his sets albeit in 3 hard fought sets, two in a tiebreak and one 7/5 to lead the Saints to a strong win to end the season. He had good backing from Paul Codd and Darrin Goodall-Wilson winning two of their three sets to see the Saints home.

For Highton Lionel Fernandes performed well winning Highton's only 2 sets for the day, however All Saints Anglican held on to win 4 sets 34 games to Highton 2 sets 33 games.

TOP SIDE PARK READY FOR FINALS

Top side Hamlyn Park is now ready for the finals with a solid 6 sets to love victory over 4th placed Wandana Heights in Section 2 Tennis and will play the Heights again next week in a cut-throat semi-final. The Park team of Jozef Horvat, Tony Lazic, Tyler Dickson and Robert Arzanovski is in good form winning 6 sets 36 games to Wandana Heights 0 sets 19 games and is primed to win this season's flag.

SECTION 2 FINAL LADDER – Hamlyn Park 90 points, Clifton Springs 81, Highton 79.5, Wandana Heights 44, All Saints Anglican 33, Geelong East Uniting 32.5.