

## **HEPNER MEN INTO SEMI-FINAL**

In the Sectional Final of Men's Grade 2 Section 2 of Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant on Saturday, Hepner Place Indoor has reached the semi-finals of Section 2 with a tremendous 4 rubbers to love victory over Eildon Park.

In the opening singles rubber Matt Maloney at one for Hepner lost the first set, however stormed home in the next two sets, losing only 2 games to take the rubber in 3 sets.

Hepner's Brodie Young had little trouble in his singles rubber winning in straight sets to place Hepner in a strong position for the match. Nick Fenaughty fought out a tight opening set and got home in a tiebreak. He lost the 2<sup>nd</sup> set, but regained his composure to win the 3<sup>rd</sup> set and the rubber in 3 sets.

Matt Fisher at 4 lost his opening set for Hepner, but came back strongly to win the next 2 sets comfortably to make it a clean sweep with Hepner winning all four rubbers.

As a result had been reached the two doubles rubbers were not played.

Final result – Hepner Place Indoor 4 rubbers 8 sets 59 games to Eildon Park 0 rubbers 3 sets 40 games.

## **MAROON AND BLUE FOR GRAND FINAL**

Newcomb Maroon and Blue have won through to this season's grand final of Section 1 Tennis Geelong with runaway wins over St Albans and Waurn Ponds respectively.

The Newcomb Maroon team of Bridget LeMaitre, Ana Clifton, Greg Steele and Peter Rodgers continued their unbeaten run with a 4 sets to 1 victory over St Albans to reach the grand final. Unfortunately the match was marred as St Albans had a player missing and was forced to forfeit 3 sets to love.

In all the time I have been involved in tennis this would have to be a first that a team participating in a final is unable to field a full team in Section 1.

To the Saints' credit they won the ladies doubles when Clare Burns and Susan Bissett defeated LeMaitre and Clifton; however, the match was over before it started with Newcomb Maroon winning 4 sets 28 games to St Albans 1 set 9 games with one set unplayed as a result had been reached.

## **BLUE TOO STRONG FOR PONDS**

Newcomb Blue was far too strong for Waurn Ponds in the other semi-final in Section 1 Tennis Geelong and won 6 sets to love, so will meet Newcomb Maroon in next week's grand final.

The Blue team of Bianca Duff, Zoe Duff, Chris Higgins and Steve Donandson dominated from the outset, winning the first five sets comfortably. The last set of the day was a tiebreak which Blue won, however youngsters Nicole Mullen and Cameron Knuckey pushed them all the way. But Newcomb Blue too good winning 6 sets 37 games to Waurn Ponds 0 sets 16 games.

Newcomb Maroon and Blue will fight out next week's grand final on their home courts at Newcomb.

## **PARK INTO GRAND FINAL**

Hamlyn Park booked a grand final place in Section 2 Tennis Geelong with a hard fought victory over a determined Wandana Heights team on Saturday. Park's Tony Lazic was the star on the day winning all his 3sets and with Jozef Horvat and Tyler Dickson chipping in with 2 sets each, saw Park home and a grand final berth.

For the Heights Matthew Jolliffe played solidly throughout to win the Heights' only 2 sets for the day in their loss 2 sets 21 games to Hamlyn Park 4 sets 30 games.

## **HIGHTON LOOKING THE GOODS**

In the other semi-final in Section 2 Tennis Geelong, Highton has sounded a warning to Hamlyn Park with a strong win over Clifton Springs by 4 sets to 2 to reach the grand final. The first two sets of the afternoon set up the day with the Springs' Greg Luke and Adam Hill taking out the first set in a tiebreak over Peter Ficca and Lionel Fernandes. Highton hit back in the 2<sup>nd</sup> set with Ross Parkinson and Peter Edwards winning in a tiebreak to level the score. Highton dominated from this point, winning three of the remaining four sets in easy fashion, conceding only 9 games to win the match by 4 sets 34 games to Clifton Springs 2 sets 22 games.

Highton will now play Hamlyn Park next week in the grand final at Clifton Springs.