

## **HEPNER ON SONG**

Hepner Place Indoor proved far too strong for Kooyong Lawn No.2 in Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant Grade 1 Section 2 on Saturday with locals Matthew Hicks, Adam Lasky, Nathan Mayes and Ry Davies outplaying Kooyong Lawn to win 4 rubbers 8 sets 55 games to 1 rubber 1 set 29 games to lead the competition after 2 rounds sitting on top by a good margin and will be a contender once again this season.

## **GEELONG LAWN DOWN IN 2**

Geelong Lawn after winning their first round match found Upper Beaconsfield too strong on Saturday in Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant Grade 2 Section 1, losing the match by 3 rubbers to 1. The team of Ari Levinson, Lewis O'Brien, Nicholas Vicary and Barry Golightly fought hard in the opening 2 rubbers, going down in both in close 3-setters. Levinson and O'Brien won the third rubber for Lawn, however Upper Beaconsfield went on to win 3 rubbers 6 sets 51 games to Geelong Lawn 1 rubber 4 sets 44 games.

## **HEPNER PLACE SMASH KOOYONG LAWN**

In Grade 2 Section 2 Melbourne Pennant on Saturday Hepner Place Indoor No.1 at home smashed Kooyong Lawn No.2 by 4 rubbers to love. The strong Hepner team of Matthew Moloney, Matthew Fisher, Brodie Young and Nelson Roso outplayed the Kooyong players, conceding only 1 set and 18 games in their win by 4 rubbers 8 sets 51 games to 0 rubbers 1 set 18 games.

## **HEPNER IN CLOSE ONE**

In Men's Grade 2 Section 3 Round 2 of Melbourne Pennant on Saturday Hepner with James Brushfield and his father Tony, although losing the opening rubber to Koonung Park in three sets, hit back hard to win the final rubber in straight sets to get Hepner Place Indoor over the line. Brent McCombe and David Kos provided great support in Hepner's win taking one of two rubbers to seal the match 2 rubbers 5 sets 41 games to Koonung Park 2 rubbers 4 sets 36 games.

## **HEPNER LADIES IN FINE FORM**

In Women's Grade 1 Section 2 of Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant on Saturday the powerful Hepner Place team of Carolyn McGann, Ramona Mataruga, Kelly Brunger and Karen Filippou were far too strong for Caulfield Rec. winning 4 rubbers 8 sets 48 games to 0 rubbers 0 sets 20 games to hold top place after two rounds.

## **LAWN SUFFER BIG LOSS**

In Grade 2 Section 1 on Saturday in Melbourne Pennant Geelong Lawn's women – Philippa Tepper, Fiona Walker and Sascha Bruenjes – found Essendon far too strong and lost 0 rubbers 2 sets 40 games to Essendon 4 rubbers 8 sets 56 games.

## **HEPNER AGAIN STRONG IN 2**

The Hepner Place women in Grade 2 Section 2 of Melbourne Pennant continued their strong start to the season on Saturday when Taylor Sobczyk, Alessia Roso, Brooke Starling and Claudia Gunjaca defeated Kooyong Lawn No.3 by 4 rubbers 8 sets 50 games to 0 rubbers 0 sets 26 games.

## **TENNIS GEELONG Inc**

### **NEWCOMB BLUE BY 4 GAMES**

Newcomb Blue received a fright in the opening round of Tennis Geelong Section 1 Winter Pennant on Saturday getting home by 4 games only with sets even against the young Waurin Ponds team. For the winners, Chris Higgins and Steve Donaldson were the better players while Nicole Mullen and Emily Machar led the way for the Ponds, however Newcomb Blue over the line 3 sets 31 games to 3 sets 27 games.

### **NEWCOMB MAROON TAKE TOP**

Newcomb Maroon with Greg Steele, Peter Rodgers, Bridget LeMaitre and Ana Clifton in top form accounted for St Albans to win 5 sets 34 games to 1 set 20 games to lead the Section 1 competition after the first round and will be hard to beat this season. St Albans' only set was ladies doubles with Clare Burns and Susan Bissett proving the stronger.

### **GROVEDALE IN CLOSE ONE**

Grovedale at home to Highton in Section 1 got home by 1 game in a tight match with a couple of tiebreak sets going their way to win 4 sets 31 games to Highton 2 sets 30 games. Better players for the winners were Ben Flynn (3 sets), Lisa Sherwell and Stephen Muratori (2 sets) while Highton's Natalie Lambden played well, winning Highton's only 2 sets for the afternoon.

**SECTION 1 LADDER** – Newcomb Maroon 7 points, Grovedale 6, Newcomb Blue 5, Waurin Ponds 3, Highton 2, St Albans 1.

### **PARK IN CONTROL IN SECTION 2**

Hamlyn Park has commenced its back-to-back premiership assault in Section 2 with a one-sided victory over All Saints Anglican by 5 sets 33 games to 1 set 14 games in Round 1.

In other matches Clifton Springs, after a hard struggle with Highton, got home by 4 sets 35 games to Highton 2 sets 31 games and Geelong East Uniting at home had to struggle also before defeating Wandana Heights by 4 sets 33 games to 2 sets 30 games in another close match in this Section.

**SECTION 2 LADDER** – Hamlyn Park 7 points, Clifton Springs 6, Geelong East Uniting 6, Wandana Heights 2, Highton 2, All Saints Anglican 1.