

HEPNER LADIES INTO FOUR

Hepner Place Indoor ladies have moved into 4th place on the Grade 1 Section No.1 ladder Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant with an outstanding win over 3rd placed M.C.C last weekend.

Hepner's Carolyn McGann and Ramona Mataruga opened proceedings with a straight sets win in the 1st rubber. Taylah Mielczarek and Brooke Starling did likewise for Hepner taking the 2nd set in straight also. McGann and Mataruga continued their dominance in the reverse doubles, winning comfortably in straight for Hepner to win the match.

In the 4th rubber Mielczarek and Starling lost in straight for Hepner, however the match was all over with Hepner Place Indoor 3 rubbers 6 sets 40 games defeating M.C.C 1 rubber 2 sets 29 games.

HEPNER HOLD ON TO 3RD FOLLOWING BIG LOSS

Hepner Place Indoor No.2 has held on to 3rd place on the ladder in Grade 1 Section 2 Melbourne Pennant following its loss to M.C.C last weekend by 4 rubbers to nil. Hepner's Adam Lasky and Ryan Thomas lost the opening rubber in 3 hard fought sets with 2 sets decided by tiebreak. In the reverse doubles Lasky and Thomas, after winning the opening set, had to retire at 5/4 down in the 2nd due to injury to Lasky.

Jordan Drew and Thomas Paterson lost both their rubbers in straight for Hepner. Final result – M.C.C 4 rubbers 8 sets 57 games to Hepner Place Indoor No.2, 0 rubbers 2 sets 44 games.

HEPNER PLACE INDOOR NO.1 HOLD TOP PLACE

After 7 matches Hepner No.1 is clinging to top place on the Grade 2 Section 1 ladder of Melbourne Pennant following a narrow loss to 5th placed Bundoora by a set and 5 games.

James and his father Tony Brushfield won the opening rubber in 3 closely fought sets for Hepner, however Hepner's Brent McCombe and David Kos went down in straight sets in the 2nd rubber. The Brushfield father and son team struck trouble in the reverse rubber, losing in straight. In a tight and hard fought last rubber of the day Hepner's McCombe and Kos got the points in a 3-setter, winning the 3rd set in a tiebreak, however the team fell short losing the match to Bundoora by 2 rubbers 6 sets 55 games to Hepner Place 2 rubbers 4 sets 50 games.

LAWN HOLD ON TO SECOND

In Grade 2 Section 1 Melbourne Pennant last weekend Geelong Lawn held on to 2nd place on the ladder with a fighting win over Bundoora No.1 by 1 set and 9 games.

Lawn's Nicole Mullen and Alessia Roso lost the opening rubber in straight sets; however Bianca Duff and Fiona Walker squared the ledger with a resounding straight sets win in the 2nd rubber.

Mullen and Roso made amends in their reverse rubber winning easily in straight sets, while Duff and Walker played out a hard fought reverse rubber, losing in 3 sets. By winning one set in this rubber, it enabled the team to get home by 2 rubbers 5 sets 45 games to Bundoora No.1 2 rubbers 4 sets 36 games.

GROVE UPSET BLUE

Grovedale upset Newcomb Blue on Saturday in Section 1 Tennis Geelong with a stunning 4 sets to 2 victory. Grove has moved a little closet to 2nd spot on the ladder with this win and is only 2 points behind Newcomb Blue who retained 2nd position.

Cameron Govan was in outstanding form for Grove and led the way, winning all his sets against Blue's Peppe Scorpo. Jason Schoenmaekers and Michelle Henderson provided good backing to Govan, winning 2 of their 3 sets to get the team home.

For Blue Ana Clifton was a shining light winning Blue's only sets for the day in its loss.

Final result – Grovedale 4 sets 30 games to Newcomb Blue 2 sets 25 games.

PONDS CONSOLIDATE FOURTH

Waurn Ponds at home consolidated 4th place on the Section 1 ladder with a solid 5 sets to 1 win over St Albans on Saturday. The young Ponds team of Emily Machar, Emily Rankin, Tom Ferry and Nicole Mullen played strongly all day and although 4 sets were hard fought encounters, they managed to win all four.

The Saints' only set for the day was the ladies doubles when Clare Burns and Susan Bissett proved too strong for Machar and Rankin.

Overall – Waurn Ponds 5 sets 35 games defeated St Albans 1 set 25 games.

MAROON GO FURTHER AHEAD

In the final match in Section 1 Newcomb Maroon has extended its lead at the top of the ladder with a crushing 6 sets to love win over Barwon Heads on Saturday. The Maroon team of Bridget and Nick LeMaitre, Zoe Duff and Steve Donaldson are playing solid and consistent tennis this season and deserve their No.1 ranking after Round 8.

For the Heads, Andrew McKinnon fought hard all day however Newcomb Maroon far too good, defeating Barwon Heads by 6 sets 37 games to 0 sets 14 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER - Newcomb Maroon 52 points, Newcomb Blue 40, Grovedale 38, Waurn Ponds 29, St Albans 21, Barwon Heads 12.

PARK MAKES BIG STATEMENT

Hamlyn Park at home to Grovedale in Section 2 Tennis Geelong on Saturday made a big statement sending previously 4th placed Grovedale out of the four and in the process retained top position in its 6 sets to love thrashing over a disappointing Grovedale.

Park with Jozef Horvat, Robert and Tony Lazic and Robert Arzanovski in tremendous form are a settled combination and will be hard to beat for this season's flag.

In a one-sided clash Hamlyn Park 6 sets 36 games defeated Grovedale 0 sets 10 games.

HEIGHTS TOO GOOD FOR SAINTS

Wandana Heights held on to 3rd position on the Section 2 ladder on Saturday proving far too good for All Saints Anglican, winning 5 sets to 1. The Heights team of Ben Brushfield, Ben Jones, Matthew Bell and James Curtis played strongly throughout the day to win the match.

The highlight of the match were the 3rd and final sets of the day with Height's Brushfield and Bell taking the 3rd set over James Zwirs and Simon Bennison for the Saints in a tiebreak and Bennison teaming with Paul Codd to win the final set and the Saints only set for the day over Jones and Bell 7/5; however Wandana Heights ran out winners defeating All Saints Anglican by 5 sets 36 games to 1 set 19 games.

SPRINGS RED TOO STRONG FOR GOLD

2nd placed Clifton Springs Red was far too strong for bottom placed Highton Gold on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis, running out clear winners by 6 sets to love.

The Springs' Red team of Peter Havelberg, Joshua Matthews, Darren Jones and Dave Lowe had little trouble in taking the match by 6 sets 38 games to Highton Gold 0 sets 21 games.

THE BLUE FROM HIGHTON WINS OUT

Highton Blue travelled to Clifton Springs on Saturday and totally demolished the Clifton Springs Blue team by 6 sets to love in the final match in Section 2. The strong Highton Blue team of Peter Ficca, Ryan and Ross Parkinson and Stan Kenyon allowed Springs Blue only 10 games for the afternoon winning 6 sets 36 games to Springs Blue 0 sets 10 games to jump in to 4th position on the ladder.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Hamlyn Park 46 points, Clifton Springs Red 45, Wandana Heights 39, Highton Blue 38, Grovedale 31, All Saints Anglican 29, Clifton Springs Blue 21, Highton Gold 8.