

### **MAROON HIT BACK HARD**

Following a shock loss last round to Grovedale, top side Newcomb Maroon hit back hard on Saturday in Tennis Geelong Section 1 thrashing St Albans by 6 sets to love. The Maroon side of Chris Higgins, Nick LeMaitre, Bianca and Zoe Duff were far too good for the struggling Saints and lost only 11 games for the day. Final result – Newcomb Maroon 6 sets 36 games to St Albans 0 sets 11 games.

### **BARWON HEADS-NEWCOMB WASHED OUT**

2<sup>nd</sup> placed Newcomb Blue travelled to Barwon Heads in Section 1 Tennis on Saturday and had to settle for a draw as the match was called off without a ball being hit due to inclement weather.

### **PONDS SURPRISE GROVE**

The young Waurm Ponds team brought Grovedale back to earth on Saturday in Tennis Geelong Section 1 competition running out comfortable winners by 5 sets to one. After beating the top two sides Newcomb Maroon and Blue in the past two matches, Grovedale found 4<sup>th</sup> placed Waurm Ponds too good on the day; however, they still remain in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

The Ponds team of Nicole Mullen, Emily Rankin, Tom Ferry and Flynn Marshall got the team away to a flying start winning the opening 3 sets, conceding only 4 games in the process. They went on to win 2 of the 3 remaining sets, losing the 3<sup>rd</sup> mixed to Grove's Michelle Henderson and Jason Schoenmaekers. Final result – Waurm Ponds 5 sets 35 games to Grovedale 1 set 16 games.

**SECTION 1 LADDER** – Newcomb Maroon 62 points, Newcomb Blue 50, Grovedale 45, Waurm Ponds 38, St Albans 25, Barwon Heads 20.

### **PARK HOLDING ON TO TOP**

Hamlyn Park held on to top place in Tennis Geelong Section 2 on Saturday recording a strong win over 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Highton Blue by 5 sets to 1. The Park men of Tony Lazic, Jozef Horvat, Robert Lazic and Robert Arzanovski dominated proceedings from the outset and lost only one set, the 4<sup>th</sup> of the day, when Blue's Peter Ficca and Stan Kenyon held out in a close set.

Final result – Hamlyn Park 5 sets 35 games to Highton Blue 1 set 20 games.

### **SAINTS TOO GOOD FOR SPRINGS BLUE**

All Saints Anglican at home proved too good for Clifton Springs Blue on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis Geelong, winning by 4 sets to 2. Nathan Cameron led the way for the Saints, winning all his sets and with Paul Codd and Simon Bennison chipping in with 2 sets each, made sure of a Saints win.

For Springs Blue Trevor Vallance was outstanding winning the team's only 2 sets for the day; however, All Saints Anglican were too good defeating Clifton Springs Blue by 4 sets 34 games to 2 sets 24 games. In the final two matches in Tennis Geelong Section 2, the matches between Highton Gold and Wandana Heights, and Clifton Springs Red and Grovedale were washed out without a ball being hit.

### **SAINTS TOO GOOD FOR SPRINGS BLUE**

All Saints Anglican at home proved too good for Clifton Springs Blue on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis Geelong, winning by 4 sets to 2.

**SECTION 2 LADDER** – Hamlyn Park 60 points, Clifton Springs Red 57, Highton Blue 47, Wandana Heights 44, Grovedale 42, All Saints Anglican 35, Clifton Springs Blue 23, Highton Gold 13.

## **LADIES' MIDWEEK COMPETITION STARTS**

Tennis Geelong's Ladies Midweek Winter Season competition started on Tuesday with 88 teams taking part in 13 sections. In the premier section 1 Geelong Lawn has two teams, White and Green, and with top sides Ocean Grove, Jan Juc, Centre Court, Wandana Heights and Aireys Inlet, this section will produce a high standard of tennis.

Geelong Lawn has 7 teams entered in Section 1, 2 teams in Section 2, 2 teams in Section 3, 1 team in Section 7 and 1 team Section 8, and leads the way with the number of teams.

Other top clubs are Torquay – 5 teams, Barwon Heads – 5 teams, and Ocean Grove, Jan Juc, Wandana Heights and Grovedale all with 4 teams entered.

The semi-finals will be staged on 18<sup>th</sup> November with the grand final on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Secretary for the Ladies Midweek competition, Janeene Barry, has predicted a strong and exciting season of tennis.

## **HEPNER IN WASHOUT**

Hepner Place Indoor No.1 travelled to North Ringwood on Saturday in Men's Grade 1 Section 1 Melbourne Pennant and had to settle for a draw at a set all due to inclement weather.

The Hepner team of Mario Matejcek, Matthew Hicks, Justin Robinson and Ry Davies remains 4<sup>th</sup> on the ladder just ahead of North Ringwood. The result – a draw with North Ringwood No.1 on 1 set 15 games to Hepner Place Indoor No.1, 1 set 13 games.

## **HEPNER STILL 3<sup>RD</sup> AFTER WASHOUT**

In Men's Grade 1 Section 2 of Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant on Saturday, Hepner Place Indoor No.2 is still 3<sup>rd</sup> on the ladder following a draw against Kooyong Lawn No.2 – match abandoned due to inclement weather.

## **HEPNER DOWN BY 3 GAMES**

In Men's Grade 2 Section 1 of Melbourne Pennant on Saturday, Hepner Place Indoor No.1 almost pulled off a great win over 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Dingley, going down by just 3 games with rubbers and sets even. With this narrow loss Hepner has slipped out of the four and is now 5<sup>th</sup> after 11 rounds.

James Brushfield won the opening rubber for Hepner in straight sets; however, his father Tony lost in straight. Rubbers 3 and 4 were the highlight of the day when Hepner's David Kos lost in 3 hard fought sets, while Jason Mooney won in 3 sets, the 3<sup>rd</sup> set a tiebreak to level the match on rubbers and sets; however, Dingley with a 3 game advantage won the match by 2 rubbers 5 sets 57 games to Hepner Place Indoor No.1, 2 rubbers 5 sets 54 games.

## **LAWN JUST DOWN TO REMAIN FOURTH**

In Men's Grade 2 Section 2 on Saturday in Melbourne Pennant Geelong Lawn lost narrowly to 4<sup>th</sup> placed Beaumaris Lawn No.1 by a set and 4 games with rubbers even at 2 all. Lawn's Lewis O'Brien won his rubber in 3 sets while Barry Golightly had a hard fought straight sets win.

Lawn's other players, Nicholas Vicary and Ben Robinson found the going tough and lost their rubbers in straight sets.

Overall Beaumaris Lawn No.1 just a little stronger, defeating Geelong Lawn by 2 rubbers 5 sets 40 games to 2 rubbers 4 sets 34 games.

### **HEPNER SMASHED BY NOTTING HILL**

In Men's Grade 2 Section 3 of Melbourne Pennant, Hepner Indoor No.2, bottom, was smashed on Saturday by Notting Hill-Pinewood 6<sup>th</sup> in a very one-sided encounter. The Hepner team of Toby Timms, James Tobin, Sam Wilde and Dominic Tobin had no answer to the strong Notting Hill players and lost all rubbers in straight sets and found games hard to come by as well.

Result – Notting Hill-Pinewood 4 rubbers 8 sets 48 games to Hepner Place Indoor No.2, 0 rubbers 0 sets 15 games.

### **HEPNER KEEPS ITS HOPES ALIVE**

Hepner Place Indoor has kept its hopes alive with a strong win over Kooyong Lawn No.2 on Saturday in Women's Grade 1 Section 1 of Melbourne Pennant.

Karen Filippou lost the first rubber in straight sets for Hepner, however Carolyn McGann fought back from a set down to win her rubber in 3 sets.

Hepner's Brooke Starling received a forfeit in the 4<sup>th</sup> rubber and Kellie Brunger was level at a set all in the 3<sup>rd</sup> rubber when the match stopped as a result had been reached.

Final score – Hepner Place Indoor 2 rubbers 5 sets 47 games to Kooyong Lawn No.2, 1 rubber 4 sets 30 games.

### **LAWN HOLDING TOP**

In Women's Grade 2 Section 1 of Melbourne Pennant Geelong Lawn is holding down top place on the ladder with another solid performance, this time against 4<sup>th</sup> placed Kooyong Lawn No.1, winning by 3 rubbers to 1. Nicole Mullen lost the opening rubber for Lawn in straight sets; however Lawn's Bianca Duff, Alessia Roso and Fiona Walker all won in straight sets to see Geelong Lawn home by 3 rubbers 6 sets 42 games to Kooyong Lawn No.1

1 rubber 2 sets 31 games.