GROVE HOLDING THIRD

St Albans, 7th, hosted Grovedale on Saturday in Section 1 Tennis Geelong and matched the Grove early in the match, winning 2 of the 3 opening sets; however Grove steadied to win the remaining sets and the match to hold down 3rd place on the ladder. Cameron Govan was outstanding winning all his sets for Grove and with strong backup from Lisa Sherwell and Jared Bromley saw them home in a tight match. The Saints' Angela Oldham won its only two sets for the day in a good performance. Final result – Grovedale 4 sets 32 games to St Albans 2 sets 23 games.

PONDS A LITTLE STRONGER OVER HEADS

Waurn Ponds consolidated 4th position on the Section 1 Tennis Geelong ladder on Saturday, proving a little stronger than Barwon Heads. It was a team effort by the Ponds with Emily Machar, Emily Rankin, Flynn Marshall and Tom Ferry all contributing by winning 2 sets each. The Heads won the last 2 sets; however Waurn Ponds too good winning 4 sets 34 games to Barwon Heads 2 sets 27 games.

MAROON WIN TOP OF THE TABLE CLASH

Newcomb Maroon has gone further ahead on top of the Section 1 ladder with a strong win on Saturday over 2nd placed Newcomb Blue. The Maroon team of Steve Donaldson, Nick and Bridget LeMaitre and Zoe Duff are playing strongly and are firm flag favourites.

Blue's only set for the day was 1st mixed with Georgina Parker and Greg Steele winning in a tight struggle. Overall Newcomb Maroon too good, defeating Blue by 5 sets 35 games to 1 set 25 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER – Newcomb Maroon 69 points, Newcomb Blue 51, Grovedale 51, Waurn Ponds 44, St Albans 27, Barwon Heads 22.

ONE GAME THRILLER

In Section 2 Tennis Geelong on Saturday Wandana Heights, 4th before Saturday, was home to 2nd placed Clifton Springs Red and in a thriller lost the match by one game with sets even and also lost its position in the four. For Red, Craig Booley had a great day and was unbeaten for the day in a match winning performance.

The Heights spread the load with Paul Senior, Ben Jones and Danny McGlade all winning two sets each; however Clifton Springs Red managed to hold on and won by 3 sets 30 games to Wandana Heights 3 sets 29 games.

GROVE MOVE BACK INTO THE FOUR

Grovedale has moved back into the four in Section 2 Tennis Geelong with a resounding win over Clifton Springs Blue on Saturday. The Grove team led by David Muratori was far too good for Clifton Springs Blue, winning the match by 6 sets 36 games to 0 sets 13 games.

PARK CONTINUE ITS DOMINANCE

Hamlyn Park continued its dominance at the top of the Section 2 ladder with another outstanding performance, this time against 6th placed All Saints Anglican, winning the encounter by a whopping 6 sets 36 games to just 8 games. The Park team with Jozef Horvat and Tony Lazic leading the way is on target for a flag this season.

BLUE PUT GOLD AWAY

In the final match in Section 2 Highton Blue put Highton Gold away on Saturday to remain 3rd on the ladder with a 6 sets 38 games to 0 sets 22 games victory. The Parkinson boys Ryan and Ross are proving a handful for their opposition and should hold the team in good stead come finals.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Hamlyn Park 68 points, Clifton Springs Red 62, Highton Blue 55, Grovedale 50, Wandana Heights 47, All Saints Anglican 35, Clifton Springs Blue 23, Highton Gold 13.

HEPNER SLIP OUT OF FOUR

Hepner Place Indoor No.1 at home on Saturday to Bundoora in Men's Grade 1 Section 1 Melbourne Pennant slipped out of the top four losing the match by 3 rubbers to 1.

Hepner's Justin Robinson and Ry Davies lost the opening rubber in straight sets; however fought valiantly in the reverse rubber, losing narrowly in a tiebreak third set.

Mario Matejcek and Matthew Hicks lost the second rubber of the day in a hard fought 3-setter, but won Hepner's only rubber for the day, the last rubber, in straight sets.

Final result – Bundoora 3 rubbers 6 sets 56 games to Hepner Place Indoor No.1 1 rubber 4 sets 49 games.

HEPNER HOME BY 2 GAMES

Hepner Place Indoor No.2 won a thrilling match over Glenburn by 2 games only in Tennis Victoria Men's Grade 1 Section 2 of Melbourne Pennant on Saturday.

Hepner's Adam Lasky and Thomas Paterson and Matthew Moloney and Jordan Drew won 2 rubbers and lost 2 rubbers, all in straight sets, but managed to get the team home by 2 games.

Final score – Hepner Place Indoor No.2, 2 rubbers 4 sets 40 games to Glenburn 2 rubbers 4 sets 38 games.

HEPNER DOWN TO EAGLEMONT

In Men's Grade 2 Section 1of Melbourne Pennant on Saturday 5th placed Hepner Place Indoor No.1 found 3rd placed Eaglemont too strong on the day and lost 3 rubbers to 1. James and his father Tony Brushfield won Hepner's only rubber for the day in 3 sets.

Final result – Eaglemont 3 rubbers 7 sets 51 games to Hepner Place Indoor No.1, rubber 3 sets 28 games.

HEATHERDALE TOO GOOD FOR LAWN

Geelong Lawn at home with Lewis O'Brien and Ari Levinson leading the way found top side Heatherdale No.1 far too good in Men's Grade 2 Section 2 of Melbourne Pennant on Saturday and went down by 4 rubbers 8 sets 56 games to 0 rubbers 2 sets 37 games to remain 5th in the competition.

HEPNER FORFEIT TO UPPER BEACONSFIELD

In Men's Grade 2 Section 3 of Melbourne Pennant on Saturday Hepner Place Indoor forfeited to 5th placed Upper Beaconsfield to remain bottom in this section.

GEELONG LAWN SMASH KOOYONG LAWN

The strong Geelong Lawn team of Nicole Mullen, Julie Golightly, Bianca Duff and Fiona Walker smashed Kooyong Lawn No.2 on Saturday in Women's Grade 2 Section 1 of Melbourne Pennant to remain top of the ladder.

The Geelong team completely outplayed Kooyong losing only one set to record a runaway win by 4 rubbers 8 sets 52 games to 0 rubbers 1 set 21 games.