

### **HEPNER DOWN BY ONE SET**

Hepner Place Indoor No.1 was at home to Eildon Park on Saturday in Men's Grade 1 Section 1 of Melbourne Pennant and came close to toppling the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Eildon Park, losing by one set with rubbers and games even. Matthew Hicks led the way for Hepner, winning his rubber in straight sets conceding only one game while Ry Davies got home in 3 sets; however Mario Matejcek and Justin Robinson both lost in straight sets.

The set gained by Eildon Park in the 4<sup>th</sup> rubber was enough to get them home by 2 rubbers 5 sets 34 games to Hepner Place Indoor No.1 2 rubbers 4 sets 34 games.

### **HEPNER IN FOUR BY A POINT**

In Men's Grade 1 Section 2 of Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant Hepner Place Indoor No.2 is holding 4<sup>th</sup> place by a point from 5<sup>th</sup> placed MCC after a strong win over Grace Park Lawn on Saturday. They play 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Royal South Yarra Lawn in the final round and must win to play finals.

On Saturday Adam Lasky and Samir Ali won their rubbers in straight sets and with Thomas Paterson winning in 3 sets, Hepner was home.

In the final rubber Nelson Roso for Hepner lost in 3 hard fought sets; however overall Hepner Place Indoor No.2 too good taking the match over Grace Park Lawn by 3 rubbers 7 sets 52 games to 1 rubber 3 sets 38 games.

### **HEPNER MOVE TO FIFTH WITH DRAW**

Dandenong hosted Hepner Place Indoor No.1 on Saturday in Grade 2 Section 1 Melbourne Pennant and a draw resulted as the match was abandoned due to bad weather. Hepner was expecting a win against the bottom placed Dandenong side, but instead had to share the points and will now find it difficult to make the four with one match remaining.

### **LAWN HOME IN THRILLER**

Geelong Lawn was at home to Eildon Park on Saturday in Men's Grade 2 Section 2 Melbourne Pennant and got home by 3 games in a thriller to still have a chance of making the finals with one home and away match remaining.

For Lawn Ari Levinson and Lewis O'Brien won their rubbers in straight sets while Nicholas Vicary and Barry Golightly lost in straight; however the team just managed to get over the line.

Final result – Geelong Lawn 2 rubbers 4 sets 38 games to Eildon Park 2 rubbers 4sets 35 games.

### **HEPNER IN WASHOUT**

Hepner Place Indoor No.2 travelled to Kilsyth on Saturday in Men's Grade 2 Section 3 Melbourne Pennant; however due to inclement weather the match was abandoned and points shared.

### **HEPNER WOMEN DOWN TO TOP SIDE**

In Women's Grade 1 Section 1 of Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant on Saturday Hepner Place Indoor was at home to the top side Delahey Rec and just failed, losing the match by 1 set and 6 games with rubbers even to remain 5<sup>th</sup> on the ladder with one match remaining before finals.

Winners for Hepner were Carolyn McGann in straight sets and Taylah Mielczarek in 3 sets. Kellie Brunger and Karen Filippou both lost their rubbers in straight sets for Hepner.

Final score – Delahey Rec 2 rubbers 5 sets 41 games to Hepner Place Indoor 2 rubbers 4 sets 35 games.

### **LAWN HOLDING DOWN TOP SPOT**

Geelong Lawn continued its winning run in Women's Grade 2 Section 1 Melbourne Pennant on Saturday recording a strong win over Royal South Yarra Lawn No.1 to hold on to top spot. For Lawn Julie Golightly, Alessia Roso and Fiona Walker won their rubbers comfortably in straight sets. Lawn lost only one rubber when Hope Curtis-McDonald went down in three hard fought sets.

Final result – Geelong Lawn 3 rubbers 7 sets 51 games to Royal South Yarra Lawn No.1 – 1 rubber 2 sets 26 games.

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

In Section 1 Tennis Geelong on Saturday Newcomb Blue with Sascha Bruenjes, Ana Clifton, Peppe Scorpo and Greg Steele in top form proved far too strong for St Albans, running out comfortable winners by 6 sets 36 games to 0 sets 12 games to remain 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder.

### **DALE PUSHED BY HEADS**

Grovedale, 3<sup>rd</sup>, was pushed all the way by bottom placed Barwon Heads on Saturday in Section 1 Tennis winning a tight match by 4 sets to 2. For Dale Steven Muratori was in fine form winning all his sets and along with Lisa Sherwell and Lisa Graham chipping in with 2 sets each, made sure of the victory.

Andrew McKinnon was the Heads' best, being involved in its 2 sets won on the day; however Grovedale too strong taking the match by 4 sets 33 games to Barwon Heads 2 sets 24 games.

### **MAROON HAD TO BATTLE**

Waurm Ponds at home to Newcomb Maroon in Tennis Geelong Section 1 on Saturday made the top side battle; however lost the match 4 sets to 2. For Maroon Bridget LeMaitre was outstanding winning all her sets and with her brother Nick and Chris Higgins winning 2 sets each, made sure of a Maroon victory.

Emily Machar was the better player for the Ponds taking out 2 sets for the day; however Newcomb Maroon a little stronger defeating Waurm Ponds by 4 sets 33 games to 2 sets 25 games.

**SECTION 1 LADDER** - Newcomb Maroon 75 points, Newcomb Blue 59, Grovedale 57, Waurm Ponds 46, St Albans 27, Barwon Heads 24.

### **PARK AGAIN TOO GOOD**

Hamlyn Park on top of Section 2 Tennis Geelong was again too good, defeating Clifton Springs Blue by 6 sets to love. Park's Jozef Horvat, Robert Lazic, Robert Arzanovski and Andrew Frost dominated the first five sets; however the final set was won in a tiebreak against Springs Blue's Joel Wilson and Adam Hill.

Overall Hamlyn Park is looking good for the finals, winning the match over Clifton Springs Blue by 6 sets 37 games to 0 sets 19 games.

### **HEIGHTS BACK IN THE FOUR**

Wandana Heights is back in the Section 2 Tennis Geelong four following a thumping 5 sets to 0 win over Grovedale previously 4<sup>th</sup>, now 5<sup>th</sup>. The Heights team of Ben Brushfield, Paul Senior, Ben Jones and Danny McGlade was in outstanding form winning all 5 sets completed. The final set was unfinished at 3-all when rain forced play to stop.

Result – Wandana Heights 5 sets 35 games to Grovedale 0 sets 19 games.

### **GOLD SURPRISE ALL SAINTS**

Bottom of the ladder Highton Gold surprised 6<sup>th</sup> placed All Saints Anglican on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis recording a solid 4 sets to 2 victory. For the winners Robert Fraser was in great form winning all his sets and conceding only 7 games in a match-winning performance. He had strong backup from Michael Hogan and Dennis Pantano to see Gold home. Nathan Cameron was All Saints' best player taking out the Saints' only 2 sets for the day. Final result – Highton Gold 4 sets 30 games to All Saints Anglican 2 sets 24 games.

In the final game in Section 2 on Saturday the match between Clifton Springs Red and Highton Blue was washed out with only 2 sets being played and a draw resulted.

**SECTION 2 LADDER** – Hamlyn Park 76 points, Clifton Springs Red 66, Highton Blue 59, Wandana Heights 54.5, Grovedale 50.5, All Saints Anglican 37, Clifton Springs Blue 23, Highton Gold 19.