

### **GROVE TOPPLE TOP SIDE MAROON**

Grovedale continued its great form on Saturday in Section 1 Tennis Geelong by toppling top side Newcomb Maroon, winning 4 sets to 2. In the past two weeks the Grove has beaten both Newcomb teams to breathe new life into the competition. Jason Schoenmaekers had a day out for Grove winning his 3 sets and allowing his opposition only 5 games for the day to set up the win. Lisa Sherwell and Lisa Graham chipped in with 2 sets each including an easy win in the ladies doubles to put the match well beyond doubt. Maroon's Chris Higgins managed to win their only sets for the day in a lone effort; however Grovedale surprised for the second week running to win comfortably over Newcomb Maroon by 4 sets 33 games to 2 sets 19 games to consolidate 3<sup>rd</sup> position on the Section 1 ladder.

### **SAINTS AND HEADS IN DRAW**

St Albans and Barwon Heads, the bottom two teams in Section 1 Tennis Geelong played out an exciting draw on Saturday in terrible conditions. For the Saints Angela Oldham was in outstanding form winning all her sets including the ladies doubles with Susan Bissett in easy fashion to keep the Saints in the match.

For the Heads, Tracy Lazarus, Andrew McKinnon and Robert Begolo combined well to win 2 sets each and with Lazarus and Begolo taking out the last set 6/2, resulted in a draw at 3 sets 28 games all between the teams. The Heads still remain bottom in 6<sup>th</sup> place with the Saints 5<sup>th</sup> on the Section 1 ladder.

### **BLUE PUT PONDS AWAY**

Newcomb Blue at home put Waurn Ponds away to the tune of 4 sets to 2 in the final game in Section 1 on Saturday to hold down 2<sup>nd</sup> place with Waurn Ponds retaining 4<sup>th</sup>. Veteran player Robert Nicholls was in outstanding form for Blue and did not concede a set, only 5 games in a match winning effort. Experienced players Joanne Puckett and Sascha Bruenjes added great support to Nicholls to see Blue home by winning 2 sets each.

Tom Ferry was best for the Ponds with 2 sets, but Newcomb Blue ran out winners over Waurn Ponds by 4 sets 33 games to 2 sets 23 games.

**SECTION 1 LADDER** – Newcomb Maroon 54 points, Newcomb Blue 46, Grovedale 44, Waurn Ponds 31, St Albans 25, Barwon Heads 16.

### **TOP SIDE PARK CONTINUE ON**

Hamlyn Park has continued its outstanding form on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis Geelong by defeating previously 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Wandana Heights in a one-sided affair by 5 sets to 1 to retain top place.

The strong Park team of Jozef Horvat, Tony and Robert Lazic and Robert Arzanovski have dominated this season and proved too good for the Heights.

For the Heights Ben Brushfield and Ben Jones started well winning the opening set of the day; however, that's where it ended with Hamlyn Park winning the remaining 5 sets and the match by 5 sets 34 games to Wandana Heights 1 set 23 games. The Heights team is now in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

### **RED JOIN PARK AT THE TOP**

Clifton Springs Red has joined Hamlyn Park at the top of the Section 2 ladder with a smashing win over its second team Clifton Springs Blue by 6 sets to love. The Red team of Greg Luke, Joshua Matthews, Peter Havelberg and Dave Lowe showed no mercy on their other club team and proved far too strong, winning the encounter by 6 sets 36 games to 0 sets 13 games.

### **GROVE CRUSH HIGHTON GOLD**

Grovedale at home crushed bottom team Highton Gold in Section 2 Tennis on Saturday coming away with a 5 sets to 1 victory to edge a little closer to the four. Grove's David Muratori, Matthew Squire, Owen Miller and Brent May were never challenged, losing only one set – the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of the day – to Gold's Dennis Pantano and Larry Myles in their runaway victory over Highton Gold by 5 sets 33 games to 1 set 10 games.

### **BLUE DEMOLISH SAINTS**

Highton Blue at home demolished All Saints Anglican in Section 2 on Saturday by 6 sets to love to move into 3<sup>rd</sup> place on the ladder. The strong Blue team of Peter Ficca, Ross and Ryan Parkinson and Peter Edwards completely outplayed the Saints team, taking the match by 6 sets 36 games to 0 sets 12 games.

**SECTION 2 LADDER** – Hamlyn Park 53 points, Clifton Springs Red 53, Highton Blue 46, Wandana Heights 40, Grovedale 38, All Saints Anglican 29, Clifton Springs Blue 21, Highton Gold 9.

### **HEPNER TOO GOOD FOR KOOYONG**

Hepner Place Indoor No.1 is still 6<sup>th</sup> after proving too good for Kooyong Lawn No.1 on Saturday in Men's Grade 1 Section 1 Melbourne Pennant winning 4 rubbers to love. Justin Robinson got Hepner off to a good start winning the opening rubber in 3 sets. Ry Davies for Hepner also won in 3 sets; however, it was a struggle as he won the 3<sup>rd</sup> set in a tiebreak.

Hepner went on to win the 3<sup>rd</sup> rubber also in 3 sets and John Paul McNamara made it a clean sweep taking the last rubber in straight to give Hepner a runaway win over Kooyong Lawn No.1 by 4 rubbers 8 sets 56 games to 0 rubbers 3 sets 42 games.

### **HEPNER WIN ON FORFEIT**

In Grade 1 Section 2 of Melbourne Pennant Hepner Place Indoor No.2 received a forfeit from North Ringwood No.2 on Saturday. The Hepner team of Adam Lasky, Matthew Moloney, Nathan Mayes and Jordan Drew is currently in 4<sup>th</sup> position after nine rounds.

### **HEPNER SLIP TO FOURTH**

In Men's Grade 2 Section 1 of Melbourne Pennant Hepner Place Indoor No.1 has slipped to 4<sup>th</sup> place with a heavy loss to Glen Iris Valley Rec. on Saturday by 3 rubbers to 1. Hepner's Brent McCombe lost a nail-biting first rubber in 3 sets with the last two sets decided in tiebreaks. Tony Brushfield for Hepner was soundly beaten in the 2<sup>nd</sup> rubber in straight sets and David Kos also lost in straight in the 3<sup>rd</sup> rubber.

With Hepner down 3 rubbers to love Jason Mooney put a little bit of respectability on the score line winning the final rubber in straight sets; however, all too late with Glen Iris Valley Rec. defeating Hepner Place Indoor No.1 by 3 rubbers 6 sets 49 games to 1 rubber 3 sets 32 games.

### **GEELONG LAWN CRUSH KOOYONG LAWN**

Geelong Lawn recorded a crushing win over Kooyong Lawn in Men's Grade 2 Section 2 of Melbourne Pennant on Saturday winning 3 rubbers to 1 and by 21 games to remain 5<sup>th</sup>.

Lawn dropped only one rubber, the first, when Nicholas Vicary lost in three hard fought sets. From that point on Lawn's Lewis O'Brien, Ben Robinson and Barry Golightly sealed the match taking out all 3 remaining rubbers in straight sets.

Overall Geelong Lawn too strong, defeating Kooyong Lawn by 3 rubbers 7 sets 50 games to 1 rubber 2 sets 29 games.

## **HEPNER DOWN AGAIN**

Hepner Place Indoor No.2 suffered another defeat on Saturday in Grade 2 Section 3 Melbourne Pennant, this time losing to 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Koonung Park by 3 rubbers to 1 to remain bottom of the table in this section. Hepner started the day well with Jacob Dunn winning the opening rubber in 3 sets; however it was all downhill from that point with Toby Timms, Sam Pritchard and Dominic Robin all losing in straight sets.

Final result – Koonung Park 3 rubbers 7 sets 46 games to Hepner Place Indoor No.2 1 rubber 2 sets 25 games.

## **HEPNER LADIES HOLDING ON TO FOURTH**

Hepner Place Indoor ladies are holding on to 4<sup>th</sup> place on the Women's Grade 1 Section 1 ladder of Melbourne Pennant following its loss to top side Kooyong Lawn No.1 on Saturday by 12 games with rubbers and sets even.

Hepner got away to a great start with Karen Filippou and Carolyn McGann taking out the opening two rubbers in straight sets; however Hepner struggled badly in the final two rubbers with Taylah Mielczarek and Abbie Walker losing both rubbers in straight sets, winning only one game in the process.

Final result – Kooyong Lawn No1 2 rubbers 4 sets 38 games to Hepner Place Indoor 2 rubbers 4 sets 26 games.

## **GEELONG SMASH HAWTHORN TO GAIN TOP**

In Women's Grade 2 Section 1 of Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant on Saturday Geelong Lawn took over top spot on the ladder from Hawthorn with a smashing 4 rubbers to nil win over the Hawks in the top of the table clash.

Bianca Duff got Lawn away to a good start taking the opening rubber in 3 sets. Julie Golightly and Alessia Roso put the match out of reach for Hawthorn, winning the next two rubbers in straight sets. Fiona Walker iced the cake for Lawn by winning the final rubber in 3 hard fought sets to see Geelong Lawn home by 4 rubbers 8 sets 59 games to Hawthorn 0 rubbers 2 sets 44 games.