

### **HEPNER MISS OUT ON FINALS**

Top side Dingley played Hepner Place Indoor No.1 in the final home and away match of Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant Men's Grade 1 Section 1 on Saturday and ended any chance Hepner had of making the four with a crushing 3 rubbers to 1 victory. Hepner lost the opening 3 rubbers in straight sets; however Matthew Hicks and Ry Davies salvaged a little pride taking the last rubber, and Hepner's only rubber for the day, in straight sets.

Final result – Dingley 3 rubbers 6 sets 44 games to Hepner Place Indoor No.1  
1 rubber 2 sets 24 games.

### **HEPNER HOLD THIRD FOR FINALS**

Hepner Place Indoor No.2 has held its position in the four in Men's Grade 1 Section 2 Melbourne Pennant on Saturday after receiving a thrashing from Royal South Yarra Lawn. The Hepner team of Adam Lasky, Thomas Paterson, Brodie Young and Jacob Dunn were completely outclassed, losing the match to Royal South Yarra Lawn by 4 rubbers 8 sets 48 games to 0 rubbers 0 sets 12 games.

### **HEPNER MEN JUST MISS FINALS**

In Men's Grade 2 Section 1 on Saturday in Melbourne Pennant Hepner Place Indoor No.1 had a smashing finish to the home and away matches, putting North Ringwood away by 4 rubbers to love but just missed the finals, finishing 5<sup>th</sup>. The Hepner team of James Brushfield and his father Tony, Brent McCombe and Peppe Scorpo finished the season in fine style winning all 4 rubbers in straight sets.

Final score line – Hepner Place Indoor No.1 4 rubbers 8 sets 48 games to North Ringwood 0 rubbers 0 sets 11 games.

### **LAWN MISS FOUR BY ONE POINT**

Geelong Lawn has missed out by one point only on making the four in Men's Grade 2 Section 2 Melbourne Pennant on Saturday after recording a smashing victory over Royal South Yarra Lawn by 4 rubbers to nil.

Lawn's Lewis O'Brien, Ari Levinson, Nicholas Vicary and Barry Golightly took out all four rubbers in straight sets and were unlucky not to make the finals.

Final result – Geelong Lawn 4 rubbers 8 sets 49 games to Royal South Yarra Lawn 0 rubbers 0 sets 24 games.

### **HEPNER OUTGUNNED BY BEAUMARIS**

In Men's Grade 2 Section 3 Melbourne Pennant on Saturday, Hepner Place Indoor No.2 at home was outgunned by 4<sup>th</sup> placed Beaumaris Lawn No.2 to the tune of 4 rubbers to love to finish bottom of the table, recording only one win for the season.

Hepner's James Tobin and Toby Timms won Hepner's only set for the day, losing the 3<sup>rd</sup> rubber in three hard fought sets; however Beaumaris Lawn No.2 too good winning 4 rubbers 8 sets 54 games to Hepner Place Indoor No.2  
0 rubbers 1 set 34 games.

### **HEPNER WOMEN MISS FINALS**

In Women's Grade 1 Section 1 of Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant on Saturday Hepner Place Indoor received a forfeit from Royal South Yarra Lawn No.1 and had hopes of making the finals,; however all other Grade 1 matches were abandoned and points shared leaving Hepner 5 points out of the four in 5<sup>th</sup> place.

### **LAWN WOMEN SET FOR FINALS**

In Women's Grade 2 Section 1 of Melbourne Pennant on Saturday Geelong Lawn proved too strong for Essendon No.1 in the last hit out before finals, winning 3 rubbers to 1 to top their section. Lawn's Nicole Mullen and Julie

Golightly won both their doubles rubbers, the first in straight sets and the second in three hard fought sets.

Fiona Walker and Hope Curtis-McDonald lost their opening rubber in straight sets but made amends in the reverse doubles, winning in straight for Geelong.

Final result – Geelong Lawn 3 rubbers 6 sets 48 games to Essendon No.1

1 rubber 3 sets 37 games.

### **TENNIS GEELONG**

#### **SAINTS SHOCK PONDS BY ONE GAME**

St Albans, 5<sup>th</sup>, at home shocked Waurm Ponds, 4<sup>th</sup>, on Saturday in Tennis Geelong Section 1 winning by one game with sets even. Matthew Allen was unbeaten on the day for the Saints in a match winning effort, and with great support from Angela Oldham, although only winning one set, she was involved in hard fought contested losing sets to gain valuable games for the team. For Waurm Ponds Emily Machar, Emily Rankin and Tom Ferry combined well to win 2 sets each; however St Albans held on to win 3 sets 31 games to Waurm Ponds 3 sets 30 games.

#### **MAROON SMASH HEADS**

Newcomb Maroon top of Section 1 Tennis Geelong smashed bottom placed Barwon Heads by 6 sets to love in a one-sided match. The Maroon team of Bridget LeMaitre, Zoe Duff, Chris Higgins and Nick LeMaitre had little trouble in winning the match by 6 sets 36 games to Barwon Heads 0 sets 10 games.

#### **BLUE TOO GOOD FOR GROVE**

2<sup>nd</sup> placed Newcomb Blue with Sascha Bruenjes, Joanne Puckett, Greg Steele and Peter Cullen were too good for Grovedale, 3<sup>rd</sup>, winning by 5 sets 38 games to 1 set 27 games and should play Newcomb Maroon for this season's flag in coming weeks.

Grove's Grant Thompson and Jared Bromley played strongly winning Grove's only set, the men's doubles in a tiebreak and were involved in two other tiebreak sets; however Newcomb Blue prevailed to take the match.

**SECTION 1 LADDER** – Newcomb Maroon 83 points, Newcomb Blue 66, Grovedale 58, Waurm Ponds 49, St Albans 32, Barwon Heads 24.

### **PARK IN ANOTHER DEMOLITION**

Hamlyn Park has continued its dominance in Section 2 Tennis Geelong on Saturday demolishing Highton Gold by 6 sets to love, allowing the opposition only 0 games for the day. The Park team of Jozef Horvat, Tony and Robert Lazic and Robert Arzanovski are in top form and looking good for this season's flag. Final result – Hamlyn Park 6 sets 36 games to Highton Gold 0 sets 9 games.

### **RED TOO HOT FOR SAINTS**

All Saints Anglican, 6<sup>th</sup>, hosted Clifton Springs Red, 2<sup>nd</sup>, on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis Geelong and found Springs Red too hot, going down by 6 sets to love. The Springs team of Craig Booley, Mick Carlon, Darren Jones and Joshua Matthews are playing outstanding tennis and will push Hamlyn Park for the flag come finals.

### **HIGHTON BLUE HOLD ON TO THIRD**

Highton Blue has held on to 3<sup>rd</sup> position on the Section 2 Tennis Geelong ladder with a thumping victory over Grovedale on Saturday. The Blue team of Peter Ficca, Ryan and Ross Parkinson and Stan Kenyon has just about ended Grove's chances of making the finals. Final score – Highton Blue 6 sets 36 games to Grovedale 0 sets 20 games.

### **HEIGHTS OVER BLUE TO REMAIN FOURTH**

Wandana Heights consolidated its position in the four on Saturday with a workmanlike victory over Clifton Springs Blue by 5 sets to 1. Ben Brushfield led the way for the Heights team and with good support from Paul Senior, Danny McGlade and Matthew Jolliffe ensured a strong win for the team.

Trevor Vallance and Sally Hill won Blue's only set for the day.

Result – Wandana Heights 5 sets 36 games to Clifton Springs Blue 1 set 25 games.

**SECTION 2 LADDER** – Hamlyn Park 84 points, Clifton Springs Red 74, Highton Blue 67, Wandana Heights 61.5, Grovedale 50.5, All Saints Anglican 37, Clifton Springs Blue 24, Highton Gold 19.