

HEPNER OUT OF GRADE 1 FINALS

Hepner Place Indoor No.2 was up against Glenburn in their Men's Grade 1 Section 2 sectional semi-final in Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant on Saturday and lost, winning only one rubber for the day and is now out of the finals. The rubber was the opening doubles rubber with Hepner's Adam Lasky and James Brushfield taking the first set in a tiebreak, losing the second in a tiebreak and taking the third set 6/3 in a hotly contested match. Lasky however lost his singles rubber in straight sets.

Hepner's Matthew Moloney and Brodie Young lost their doubles rubber in straight sets with Moloney losing his singles rubber in three hard fought sets and Young going down in his singles rubber in straight sets. In the final rubber Hepner's Thomas Paterson took the first set, but lost in 3 sets.

Final result – Glenburn 5 rubbers 11 sets 84 games defeated Hepner Place Indoor No.2 1 rubber 4 sets 59 games.

LAWN WINS SEMI-FINAL

In Women's Grade 2 Section 1 of Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant, Geelong Lawn has advanced to the preliminary final next week with a smashing win over Kooyong Lawn No.1 on Saturday in the sectional semi-final. In the opening doubles rubber Nicole Mullen and Bianca Duff had to struggle, but managed to get the job done in two strongly contested sets for Lawn. Lawn's Julie Golightly and Alessia Roso made short work of the second doubles rubber winning comfortably in straight sets. Golightly and Roso continued their dominance in their singles rubbers taking both in straight sets to get the team home.

With the match decided Mullen's rubber was unfinished with Mullen winning the first set sand 4/3 down in the second while Fiona Walker for Lawn had lost the first set of her rubber when play stopped.

Final result – Geelong Lawn 4 rubbers 9 sets 63 games to Kooyong Lawn No.1 0 rubbers 1 set 33 games.

HEADS HOME IN BOTTOM OF THE TABLE CLASH

In the battle of the bottom of the table clash on Saturday in Section 1 Tennis Geelong, Barwon Heads won a thrilling match over St Albans by one game with sets even. Heads' Rhonda Sutas was outstanding winning two sets and losing the third in a tiebreak. Tracy Lazarus was also in good form for the Heads winning 2 sets including the ladies' doubles in fine style with Heads taking out the first 3 sets of the day.

Not to be outdone the Saints fought back with Matt Van Der Pol leading the way winning 2 sets and with Phillip Nash winning 2 sets also and the men's doubles, the Saints won the final 3 sets but just fell short by one game, losing the match 3 sets 25 games to Barwon Heads 3 sets 26 games.

MAROON SMASH GROVE

Top side Newcomb Maroon smashed 3rd placed Grovedale on Saturday in Section 1 Tennis Geelong and with only one match remaining before finals, will stay top and is favoured to win the flag.

The strong Maroon side of Chris Higgins, Zoe Duff, Bridget LeMaitre and her brother Nick completely outplayed Grovedale, winning the match by 6 sets 37 games to 0 sets 12 games.

BLUE READY FOR FINALS

Newcomb Blue, 2nd, are ready to take on Red, their fellow club mates, in two weeks following a demolition of 4th placed Waurm Ponds on Saturday in Section 1 tennis. The Newcomb Blue team of Georgina Parker, Ana Clifton, Peppe Scorpo and Greg Steele played strongly to record a six sets to love victory over a disappointing Ponds team and could prove troublesome come finals.

Final result – Newcomb Blue 6 sets 36 games to Waurm Ponds 0 sets 10 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER WITH ONE ROUND REMAINING – Newcomb Maroon 91 points, Newcomb Blue 74, Grovedale 58, Waurm Ponds 49, St Albans 35, Barwon Heads 29.

SPRINGS RED TOPPLE PARK

In what has been a preview to this season's grand final in Section 2 Tennis Geelong on Saturday 2nd placed Clifton Springs Red toppled top side Hamlyn Park by 4 sets to 2 in Park's only loss for the season. Both teams will clash again next week in the second semi-final with the winner going straight into the grand final.

For Springs Red Peter Havelberg starred winning his 3 sets and with Greg Luke and Mick Carlon providing great support winning 2 sets each, got the Reds over the line.

Tony Lazic led the way for Park winning Park's only 2 sets for the day and almost pulled off a 3rd set losing the 4th set of the day with Lou Arzanovski in a tiebreak.

Final score – Clifton Springs Red 4 sets 32 games to Hamlyn Park 2 sets 24 games. The scene is set for a great finals match next Saturday.

BLUE BY FOUR GAMES

In the final home and away round on Saturday Wandana Heights, 4th, were at home to Highton Blue, 3rd, in Section 2 Tennis Geelong and in a tight struggle Blue came away with a four game win with sets even. The two teams will meet again next week in a cut throat semi-final.

For the winners, Blue's Peter Ficca and Ross Parkinson set the scene winning 2 sets each including the opening doubles set to love. Ben Jones and Ben Brushfield did the same for the Heights taking out 2 sets each; however Highton Blue just a little stronger defeating Wandana Heights by 3 sets 26 games to Wandana Heights 3 sets 22 games.

GOLD OFF THE BOTTOM

Highton Gold got off the bottom of the ladder avoiding the wooden spoon in Section 2 Tennis Geelong with a runaway win over Clifton Springs Blue on Saturday by 6 sets to love. Springs Blue now has the spoon.

The Gold team of Robert Fraser, Michael Hogan, Larry Myles and Dennis Pantano played strongly throughout the day to record a good win in the final round of the season.

Final result – Highton Gold 6 sets 38 games to Clifton Springs Blue 0 sets 22 games.

DALE TOO GOOD FOR SAINTS

In the final game in Section 2 Tennis Geelong on Saturday 5th placed Grovedale was too good for 6th placed All Saints Anglican taking the match by 5 sets to 1. The Dale team of David Muratori, Matthew Squire, Owen Miller and Andrew Lee is now looking to next season following a strong showing in the final round.

James Zwirs and Darrin Goodall-Wilson won the Saints' only set. Grovedale too strong winning 5 sets 31 games to All Saints Anglican 1 set 18 games.

SECTION 2 FINAL LADDER – Hamlyn Park 86 points, Clifton Springs Red 80, Highton Blue 72, Wandana Heights 64.5, Grovedale 57.5, All Saints Anglican 38, Highton Gold 27, Clifton Springs Blue 24.