

MAROON FINISH TOP

In the final round of Section 1 Tennis Geelong on Saturday Newcomb Maroon finished off a great winter of tennis with a clinical win over St Albans by 6 sets to love to finish top of the ladder. The Maroon team of Bridget LeMaitre and her brother Nick, Steve Donaldson and Jayde Glascott were far too good and will play Waurm Ponds next week in the semi-final. Result – Newcomb Maroon 6 sets 36 games to St Albans 0 sets 15 games.

BLUE TOO GOOD FOR HEADS

Newcomb Blue at home were far too good for Barwon Heads on Saturday in Section 1 tennis winning the encounter by 5 sets to 1 to set up a semi-final clash against Grovedale next week. The Blue team of Sascha Bruenjes, Greg Steele, Ana Clifton and Peter Cullen played strongly to record a runaway win. The Heads' only set for the day came early when Tracy Lazarus and Andrew McKinnon won the opening set in a tiebreak over Steele and Bruenjes. Newcomb Blue won the next 5 sets and the match by 5 sets 36 games to Barwon Heads 1 set 19 games to finish 2nd on the ladder.

PONDS JUST OVER DALE

Waurm Ponds, 4th, finished the home and away matches on a high with a strong win over 3rd placed Grovedale in the final match of Section 1 Tennis Geelong on Saturday and will now meet top side Newcomb Maroon in next week's cut-throat semi-final.

For the Ponds Nicole Mullen was outstanding winning all her sets and with Tom Ferry chipping in with 2 sets made sure of a Ponds victory.

Ben Flynn was the standout for Dale winning their only sets for the day; however Waurm Ponds just the better defeating Grovedale by 4 sets 26 games to 2 sets 22 games.

Final Section 1 ladder – Newcomb Maroon 99 points, Newcomb Blue 81, Grovedale 60, Waurm Ponds 55, St Albans 35, Barwon Heads 30.

PARK WIN PLAYOFF TO REACH GRAND FINAL

In Section 2 Tennis Geelong on Saturday, Hamlyn Park won the play-off set when scores were level at 3 sets all and games even at the conclusion of the match against Clifton Springs Red. Park, by winning the playoff set, has booked a grand final berth in a thrilling encounter. Jozef Horvat and Tony Lazic led the way for Park taking out 2 of their 3 sets and when Lazic and Andrew Frost won the final set to level the match, it forced a playoff set which Park won comfortably.

For Red Mick Carlon and Joshua Matthews were standouts winning 2 sets each; however in a thrilling finish Hamlyn Park won the match over Clifton Springs Red by winning the playoff set after the scores were locked at 3 sets 29 games all, following 6 sets.

HEIGHTS ENDS BLUE'S FINALS RACE

Wandana Heights has ended Highton Blue's finals race in the cut-throat Section 2 Tennis Geelong semi-final winning 4 sets to 2 on Saturday and will now meet Clifton Springs Red in the preliminary final next week.

For the Heights Paul Senior was a standout winning all his sets and with Ben Jones and Danny McGlade winning 2 sets each made sure of a Heights victory.

Peter Ficca played well for Blue winning their only 2 sets for the day; however Wandana Heights too good on the day winning 4 sets 32 games to Highton Blue 2 sets 23 games.

LAWN INTO GRAND FINAL

Geelong Lawn booked a grand final berth in Women's Grade 2 Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant with a massive semi-final victory over Royal South Yarra Lawn No.2 on Saturday. Lawn will now play M.C.C. in next week's grand final.

Nicole Mullen and Julie Golightly got the ball rolling for Lawn winning the first doubles rubber in straight sets. Lawn's Bianca Duff and Fiona Walker, after losing the first set of their doubles rubber, hit back hard to win in 3 sets.

Mullen and Duff both won their singles rubbers in straight sets to ensure a Geelong Lawn victory.

The final two rubbers saw Golightly at a set all, with Alessia Roso down 1 set but leading 4 games to 3 in the 2nd when play stopped as a result had been reached.

Final score line – Geelong Lawn 4 rubbers 9 sets 70 games to Royal South Yarra Lawn No.2 – 0 rubbers 3 sets 45 games.

HEPNER WIN A THRILLER IN FIVE

Hepner Place Indoor has won a thrilling finals match against Chadstone in Grade 5 Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant to reach the quarter finals. In a tight opening doubles rubber Matt Fisher and Hamish Mant-Smith managed to get Hepner over the line in straight sets. In the second doubles rubber Elliott Turner and Braeden Lubcke were a set down and love-4 in the second, but fought strongly to force the rubber into a 3rd set which they lost, but the set won proved to be a match winner in the final result.

Fisher continued his good form in the first of the singles rubbers winning in straight sets while Lubcke was involved in a marathon 3-setter which he won 7/3 in a tiebreak 3rd set. At the same time Hamish Mant-Smith was also involved in a tight 3-setter for Hepner, after winning the first set in a tiebreak went down in 3 sets. Giacomo Dalla-Zuannt for Hepner lost his rubber in straight; however Hepner had the extra set, winning the encounter over Chadstone by 3 rubbers 8 sets 71 games to 3 rubbers 7 sets 78 games.