

PUCKRUP HALL GC SENIORS v EVESHAM

27.4.22 (Away)

Evesham is a 9-hole Course played off two different tees giving a completely different complexion to the same hole, playing to the same green. It's an annoyingly addictive Golf Course. The Match was extremely enjoyable, made all the more so by our hosts. The result went in favour of the Home side with Puckrup Seniors falling to a defeat by

3 1/2 games to 2 1/2.

Match 1 was typically punch and counter-punch but eventually went the way of the Home Captain and his partner. Robin Plane voiced a whinge – sorry – complaint, against the Greenkeepers because of their obvious dislike of Golfers, demonstrated on the 6th hole. Despite hitting the Par 3 green off the tee, he was attacked by 'Vengeance of The Greenkeeper' as he 4 putted. Then was nobbled a second time around with similar results. Everyone has nodded in sympathy as we all suffered the same fate. *'The Greenkeeper Strikes Again'*, coming to a Cinema near you!

Match 2 saw Max returning to winning ways, mainly due to the unerring ability of the Vice Captain to pick him a winning partner of course and where a 2&1 victory was recorded. Dave Moralee is still complaining that his back is still hurting from carrying him around. Obviously more time in the gym is called for Dave!

Match 3 saw a completely different game where both Dave Armstrong and Peter Watson were completely at home on the Evesham course and despite Peter's late arrival, notched up a 7&6 victory. Dave's reasoning was that as he had started on his own, it lured them into a sense of false security and was further compounded by his annoyance at the Greenkeepers, when he had lost a nice, new ball on the 5th, only to reclaim it the second time around where it had been mangled into complete oblivion, only identifiable by his unique marking.

Match 4 after informing the whole Team the previous day, that traffic issues were causing massive hold-up's so make sure of a prompt arrival, Les similarly, decided that the tradition of a late arrival was vogue this year. The Team congregating in the Car Park were sizing up the telegraph pole, with a view to a lynching. Les' retort was to promptly chip-in from the fairway for a birdie and a win, which saved a lot of time anyway. An honourable HALF was the outcome.

Match 5 Dave Harris and David Pritchard were struggling with the fast greens like everyone else and at the peak of frustration succumbed to a 4&3 defeat. Not a bad result actually as they were dogged in their persistent attempts to make amends and reverse their early losses.

The Final **Match 6** pairing of a stressed Vice, due to nothing more than the traffic between Tewkesbury and Evesham apparently, and his massively injured partner Billy Knight, who left his sick-bed to pilot a buggy around the Course at 50mph employing handbrake turns, fell 2&1 to the hosts who just played subliminal Golf (that last part being true, actually). Small consolation fell to the honour of Billy, who won the 'nearest-the-pin' sleeve of Team golf balls (negotiations are ongoing).

We are all looking forward to welcoming our Hosts back to Puckrup and my apologies go to our suffering Captain for the second of our defeats. By the time we've finished, he'll be immune and numb to the experience.

Adrian Tame

Vice Captain

Puckrup Hall GC Seniors