

Match Report 1 v Dorset

If the England Ladies football team are called the Lionesses then the Yorkshire county team are definitely the 'Tiger Cubs'!!! They certainly managed to deliver a better result in this first morning session than the European team at the Solheim cup!!

The team that qualified for the English finals is very different from that playing at Kings Lynn with 3 young rookies introduced to the team. American University terms mean a number of counties lose players Stateside.

This young Yorkshire team kicked off their campaign with a match against Dorset. Foursomes precedes singles in this format of competition and Abigail Taylor struck the first ball for Yorkshire. Taylor was minus her usual county foursomes partner Katie Stephens, and instead was paired with Hope Williams from Thirsk and North Allerton. This pairing proved to be a winning formula running out winners two up against Dorset pairing Harriet Teversham and Jane Southcombe. Both players struck killer blows with Williams holing out on the 10th hole from off the green and Taylor from 16' on the final hole for the win. A solid start.

In the second match two rookies Grace Lambert and Ruby McLellan took on experienced Dorset pair Becky Hovell and Ellie Mans. The rookies played well after a shaky and Adrenalin filled first hole which they lost. It was very much nip and tuck over the first nine with the Yorkshire pair having little luck on the greens. They finished the first nine holes at the 18th, having started the match on 10 and were 3 down which was not really a reflection of how well they played. McLellan actually hit the shot of the morning after Lambert left the ball in the trees from her partners drive. A 5 iron was selected from the Woodsome Hall players bag and playing a shot that brimmed with confidence McLellan somehow threaded it through the trees to hit it just short of the green on this par 5.

This pair never gave up, their heads stayed high throughout the match. It was a good debut performance from which much experience will have been gained. A win to Dorset on the 8th hole 2 and 1.

The singles matches saw Melissa McMahon take on Ganton player Amy Staveley. Honour Johnson play Cherry Marley and Chloe Hasler take on Yorkshire stalwart Mia Eales Smith. In the first match Amy Staveley had a battle on her hands being 2 down twice and three down at one point. This player demonstrated her metal and played with grit and determination. On the 8th Hole which was the 17th of the match she needed to hole from off the green to keep the match alive and she did!! The players then reached the final hole with the Dorset player one up. A wayward drive from the Dorset player immediately gave Staveley the advantage. Once again she was able to escape defeat winning the hole with a lengthy put. A very valuable half to the Yorkshire team.

Talented Yorkshire Player Cherry Marley from the Oaks set of this morning birdie, birdie. A great start. Unfortunately the match did not go her way and Johnson ran out the winner 3 and 2.

In the final match Mia Eales Smith a player with a huge amount of county experience had a tough match. She was two down after two holes and by her own admission was struggling to hit the greens with her wedge. Despite the difficulties she came through and secured a win 3 and 1.

A good start for this youthful team with a battled for half. Buckinghamshire in the afternoon session.