

PUCKRUP HALL GC SENIORS v THE WORCESTERSHIRE

05.05.22 (HOME)

This Match promised to be a very difficult task for the Home side and consisted of the bleeding of THREE new debutants in Rich Williams, Tim Southwell and Paul Goodman. Those virtual-reality Caps will be in the form of a GIF on your next WhatsApp.

(It might be helpful to know that translations of some terminology may be found using Google)

If the Captain was still recovering with the aid of therapy from last week's result, he was given the required injection of a very pleasing win for the Home side by

4 1/2 games to 1 1/2.

Match 1 featured the said Captain's rehab attempts with a hard fought 2 hole win partnering a rejuvenated Steve Rundle. Touch-and-go golf culminated in a super birdie on the 17th by Steve ensuring a certain 'half' going down the 18th. Not content with that, they immediately won the 18th to seal the result.

Match 2 involved debutant Paul Goodman and the experience of Duncan Webb. Duncan's unerring putting accuracy helped them to secure a 3 & 1 victory and start Paul's winning career. It's rumoured that a Tour Card beckons for both.

Match 3 had the Dream Team of Paul Sumner and Robert Taylor. Unfortunately the Visitor's player, Barry Caswell, was taken ill on the 2nd tee. Assuring his playing partners he would soon recover, they continued their game. Unfortunately, Barry was unable to re-join them despite the Visitor's valiant attempts it was not enough to stop the super-duo from recording a 6 & 5 win. We wish Barry Caswell a swift and speedy recovery.

Match 4 certainly was a baptism of fire for fellow debutant's Rich Williams and Tim Southwell. Both came across the recovering Barry Caswell and deciding he shouldn't take any further part, returned to the Clubhouse to seek assistance to help him from the Course. Not before, in TRUE etiquette style, allowing the following Group to play-through to keep the speed of play going. Exemplary conduct. Unfortunately, the result didn't go the way of the 'Angel's' and they succumbed to a very respectable 2 hole loss with a mirror image of the result in the 1st Game.

Match 5 reports suggest, would have been one it would have been a pleasure to have been a spectator. Nick Axten-Rice had the rarity of gaining shots on the Course and along with Ian Barnett secured a 3 & 1 win. The 14th was the highlight after Ian holed a 130yd Eagle from the fairway leaving Nick with only a birdie on the same hole. The consolation was the pair had won the hole, of course. With a solid performance they recorded a win of 3 & 1.

The Final **Match 6** demonstrated the abilities of the Vice Captains Management skills. Not content with delegating the responsibility of the Scorecard to his playing partner, Jan Axten-Rice, he then delegated the game of Golf to her as well. She went on to play some exceptional Golf and rescue a HALF for the result. **NOTE TO SELF: need to employ training to get her used to beating TWO opponents.** The relief of the Visitors was very evident when sinking the putt to secure the half.

The return fixture will be a very interesting one, I'm sure.

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