

PUCKRUP HALL GC SENIORS v BRICKHAMPTON COURT GC SENIORS

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The Matches between the two Clubs have fast become the 'Local Derby' games that all local sports Team's develop. Although each game is hotly contested with pride at stake, the playing atmosphere is one of great friendship and mutual respect and typifies the ethos of what Seniors Inter-Club Matches should be about.

In this instance the result mirrored the first encounter with the Puckrup Team reversing the fortunes of the first game of the season to record a WIN by

4 games to 2.

Each pairing had its share of great play and frustrating misses. The group containing the two Captain's managed to include the winner of 'Nearest the Pin' on the 16th hole by opposing skipper, Paul Jolley. This was a justified result as he had nearly managed an ACE on the 2nd hole, falling short by inches. Captain, Pete's partner Tim Southwell, had a storming game with a personal Gross near-80. Thus the balance of power was restored with Pete and Tim leading the way and a 4 & 3 WIN.

The second pairing undoubtedly had the 'Event of the Season' when home competitor, Billy Knight, had the unfortunate luck to deliver a fatal blow to a Mallard duck in the pond on the 5th. The poor fowl was struck squarely, powerfully and decisively on the head to affect its immediate demise. By Billy's own admission, it took him several holes to recover from the trauma, whilst his playing partners were scrambling to find an orange. Billy and fellow suffering teammate Tony Byrne never recovered and lost 2 & 1.

Meanwhile, Bryan Mathieson continued his unbeaten record partnering Dave Armstrong, who the Vice is exceptionally grateful to for filling in at the 11th-and-a-bit hour, to a vacancy created by injury. The guys recorded an impressive 3 & 2 WIN.

Peter Taylor making a welcome debutant appearance recorded a WIN with seasoned playing partner Dave Harris notching up a 3 & 2 victory. The 16th was the decisive hole with both rarely having found themselves on the green from the tee, whilst their opponents had to resort to playing 3-off-the-tee.

The second loss was the unfortunate pleasure of Michael Maxwell and Steve Rundle. Max's description of the 1st hole, with graceful 8-iron's nestling gently on the green and a par to start the round, looked to be as good as it got. Both simply couldn't repeat the feat and lost 4 & 3.

The Vice's tactics of employing a stringent training regime have paid off yet again! Having suffered the partnership for a second time, Robin Plane had obviously learned his lessons well, as the small matter of playing Golf and winning the game was delegated to his care. With one of the opposition being the same individual from the first game, it was satisfying to reverse the previous result to nail a 6 & 5 WIN. Team-members should beware of being chosen to be the next to take instruction and learn the art of playing a Pairs game as a Solo.

I'm sure the following Matches between the two Clubs of the Ryder and Solheim Cup will be contested in the same vein to everyone's immense enjoyment.

Many thanks to the Brickhampton Captain and Team for such cordiality and fun. We all look forward to playing again next season.

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