

## MATCH REPORT

### South Kyme Rabbits 3.0 v 3.0 Kirton Holme Rabbits

**24th<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (Away)**

It was a pleasure to play our opening match of the season at Kirton Holme and we were met with the usual excellent hospitality, plentiful coffees on arrival and a superb Full English Breakfast. Kellie had once again prepared us a culinary feast! Unfortunately, I had to Tee off first!!!

- Group 1:** Myself and Ian Pears played Dave Mason and Andy Bakewell and from the start Ian and I were on the back foot with some exceptional driving and putting from our hosts, we were quickly 3 shots down and were able to pull it back to 1 on several occasions before succumbing to 4 and 2.
- Group 2:** Graeme Campbell and Yvonne Prior had a very enjoyable match with John Secker and Simon Kelshaw it was a pretty even match but with 3 holes to play Graham and Yvonne were 3 up, only for their opponents to fight back winning the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and looked good for the 18<sup>th</sup> until Graeme made a brilliant shot out of the bunker to within a couple of inches of the hole and won the hole and the match 1 up.
- Group 3:** Andy Murton and Mark Williamson played Alan Sharman and Colin Graves and on paper this was not an easy pairing to play against but after Andy birdied the first then winning the second hole they set themselves up to maintain the lead. When one of them had a bad hole the other either won or halved the hole. They had their moments with Mark managing to hit his drive on the 9<sup>th</sup> into the bank and despite it being half buried managed to hit it out. On the 18<sup>th</sup> Andy managed to hit a tree 100m from him only for it to come back 20m behind him! Andy and Mark finished with a 6 and 4 win and once again are proving a very good partnership for us.
- Group 4:** Pete Sivill and Kimberley Williamson played Paddy Kearns and Nigel Rouse in what was arguably the hardest pairing of the match playing off 15 and 17 respectively they were ruthless in their play and gave Pete and Kimberley very little chance and ended up winning 6 and 5. Well done to Pete and Kimberley for hanging on in there.
- Group 5:** Bill Campbell and Jenny Atherton played Dave Beeson and Aaron Dyke and a very close match ensued, the Kirton pairing playing out of their skins but Bill and Jenny were brilliant in containing them and eventually ran out winning 1 up and in what would prove to seal a draw for us.

**Group 6:** Dave Burrows and Dave Dickinson played Terry Slade and Den Ellis. After 3 holes the Kirton pairing were 2 up with the next 3 holes being halved. The Daves' duo then won the next 3 holes to go 1 up into the back nine, by the 12<sup>th</sup> Kirton were 1 up and by the 15<sup>th</sup> it was Dormy 3 for SK but despite their best efforts Kirton eventually won 3 and 2. Good banter was had by all with Dave Dickinson receiving the most, especially when his drive on the 16<sup>th</sup> landed on the 14<sup>th</sup> Fairway!

Overall a halved match was a very respectful result against some strong opposition on their own course and one in which they have played on all winter with only the snow to stop them. The course was in superb condition given the weather we have had.

A big thanks to all the team for playing, especially to those of you at short notice and I think we all had an enjoyable day with excellent food and banter. Also a big thankyou to Kellie for sorting out a hire buggy for Pete Sivill.

Thanks

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