

MATCH REPORT

South Kyme Rabbits 2.0 v 4.0 South Kyme Seniors

7th April 2018 (Home)

Well, what a hectic but glorious day, we had it all, a Captain v Vice Captain Match combined with the annual Rabbits v Seniors Match. Followed by the handover of Club Captaincy from Tony Harvey to Gary Noble.

Group 1: Myself and Mark Williamson played Peter Zammit and Mick Mawson in what was a close fought match with the lead changing throughout, for some time we were 2 down only for us to pull it back and then eventually we ran out winners 2 and 1.

Mark graciously carried me through the front 7 holes during my sabbatical until I woke up on the eight (and smelt the hotdogs and soup from the Halfway House) we then started to turn it around and eventually won. As usual Mr Williamson with his fortuitous handicap (although Peter called it something else!) used his extra shots wisely and to our advantage and won 5 holes and halved 2.

Thanks Peter and Mick for the banter and a close and enjoyable game.

Group 2: Pete Sivill and Elvis Costello played Neil Gilbert and Keith Myatt, in Pete's words Elvis 'played his heart out'. The game was a tense affair with both Neil and Keith on fire (I have seen some of Keith's drives).

The four of them had a very close and brilliant game with plenty of banter, despite their best efforts Pete and Elvis finally succumbing to a 2 and 1 loss, well played guys.

Group 3: Jeff Wright and Lorna Campbell took on John Spooner and Roger Mead (good luck with that one guys) all I can say is I am glad I wasn't playing these two especially with the distance that they can hit!

Despite giving Jeff and Lorna 9 and 21 shots respectively the Senior pairing were ruthless in their accuracy and ran out 5 and 4 winners. However, despite the score an enjoyable match was had by all.

Well done guys this was never going to be an easy match but well played.

Group 4: Eric woods and Paul Dudman played Paul Eales and Gerry Newby and this was another difficult pairing to play. Fortunately, Paul forgot how to play in the front nine, however the down side was that he woke after the turn and Eric and Paul's back's were against the wall!

Apparently Gerry was "Steady Eddy" throughout the match and Eric and Paul couldn't contain them with the match ending a 4 and 3 win for the Seniors.

Despite the loss both Eric and Paul enjoyed the match and Paul and Gerry's company. Well done you two.

Group 5: Yvonne Prior and Graeme Campbell played John Stephenson and Neil Jenkinson and after 11 holes Yvonne and Graeme were only 2 down, but then John and Neil stepped up a gear, they fell back to 4 down after 13 holes but clawed one back but then forgot that Neil had an extra shot and that sunk them!

Both Neil and John complemented Yvonne on her play, especially her drives where she hit all 18 fairways! John and Neil finally ended up 4 and 3 winners.

Well done Yvonne and Graeme all I can say is I am glad I wasn't playing these two especially with Neil's colourful trousers and the distance he can hit a wedge!

Group 6: The last grouping was Ian Pears and Mark Harbin (having just come back fresh from a Sunny Budapest) who played Dave Le sage and Geoff Anibal.

As you would expect from these four there was loads of banter and was a very enjoyable match to play.

Ian thought the day was going to go badly when Mark started puffing his shots down the 18th (their 1st hole) but he then went on to be the scorer for the next 4 holes only to hand over to Ian as the scorer on the next 5 holes so a good team effort. There was however a question of leaving putts short mark!!!

Teeing off over the 14th they were reminded of Garcia's recent experience but it didn't have any effect on them although Mark did over club and landed on the bank at the back and still parred it!

Although Ian and Mark were never down Dave and Geoff did reduce the deficit from 3 to 1 at one point so it was a close match despite the final score

Playing the Seniors with their low handicaps is always a difficult challenge for the Rabbits and this year was no exception, however in previous years we have been whitewashed which was not the case this year! So overall a very respectful result against strong opposition, so well done all a good team effort.

I think it's fair to say we all had a lot of banter and enjoyed our rounds (despite some of the results), especially given the glorious weather we were treated to. Whilst playing on the front nine and seeing the amount of standing water and hardened bunkers it was clear for all to see the difficult job the Grounds Staff have had in maintaining the course during this unprecedented and horrendous Winter.

Among others, special thanks go to Peter and Tracey Chamberlain who were run off their feet yesterday, Cherryl Mawson, Sally Noble and Trina Harvey for looking after us in the Halfway House and of Course Gary Noble and Tony Harvey for their organisation and hard work. Last but not least Mark Williamson for standing in as my Vice Captain.

Many Thanks

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