**MATCH REPORT**

 **South Kyme Rabbits 3.0 v 3.0 Kirton Holme Rabbits**

 **9th September 2017 (Away)**

As always it was a pleasure to play the return match at Kirton Holme and we were met with plentiful coffees and a superb Full English Breakfast. Kellie had prepared 3 Lincolnshire Sausages and 3 slices of Bacon per player, what a feast! Unfortunately, I had to Tee off first!!!

**Group 1**: Myself and Neil Jenkinson played Terry Slade and Nigel Rouse with what turned out to be one of the most balanced matches I have played in, 12 holes halved, and 3 wins each, which left us All Square. A big thanks to my playing partner Neil and Terry and Nigel for an enjoyable and good hearted match.

**Group 2:** Nick Milburn and Josh Martin both played a blinder each winning and halving holes to win the match 3 and 2, Nick was somewhat elated to be given 7 shots by Josh and took advantage of them.

**Group 3:** Tom Siswick and Andy Douglas both made their debuts today in Rabbits Match Play and both gave a good account of themselves against strong opponents in Alan Sharman and Colin Graves and came in All Square. Teeing off on the first hole Tom was told he was alright to tee off whilst the former group were still on the Green, they clearly didn’t know Tom’s driving ability as he drove the Green in one!

**Group 4:** Mike Meates partnered Jason Turner who was also playing his first Rabbits Match Play event and both of them played well against strong opposition and it was all square on the 14th by which time the heavens opened and the latter groupings copped the full brunt of the storm. Mike and Jason finally succumbed 2 and 1.

**Group 5:** Steve Smeeth and Dave Dickinson played through the eye of the storm and had a closely fought match despite aqua planning across the Greens and finally lost out when Steve struggled to hole an 11-foot putt through the tidal flow on the 17th Hole, subsequently they went down 2 and 1, despite coming in and (tongue in cheek) asking for a rematch I had to tell him to take it on the chin and Neil told him to ‘grow a pair’, but well done lads.

**Group 6:** At this stage Kirton were 3 – 2 up and we were waiting for Elvis Costello and Kimberley Williamson to brave the elements coming down the 18th little did we realise that Kimberley had already had a reverse drive on the 17th she somehow ended up 5 yards behind her tee when she took her drive, and apparently Elvis hadn’t managed to get past the Ladies Tee Box on the 14th!

 Not to worry they both strolled in winning 2 up to save our bacon and leave the match all square. Well done Elvis and Kimberley.

Overall it was a very respectful result against some strong opposition on their own course, which means that SKGC rabbits are now unbeaten in the last 3 matches.

A big thanks to all the team for playing and I think we all had an enjoyable day, good food and banter, pity about the weather!

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