

MATCH REPORT
South Kyme Rabbits 2.5 v 3.5 Belton Woods C Team
27th June 2018 (Away)

It was a pleasure to play our first fixture against Belton Woods C Team and what a glorious day we all had, the courses were stunning in their beauty and landscape layout and it was a pleasure to walk around whether you were playing golf or not.

Playing on the Lake Side Course were:

Group 1: Myself (21) and Nino Vacca (24) played Captain Les Stewart (23) and Harry (Geordie) (16). The first few holes were a blur for me literally as my contact lenses played up and I ended up downloading a mirror app on my phone to get them out! However, no worries as Nino halved the 1st hole and won the 2nd and 3rd to take us 2 up. We lost the 4th hole and then Nino won the 5th, having woken up I won the 6th to put us 3 up. Nino then halved the next two holes and we lost the 9th to leave us 2 up at the turn.

On the 10th I narrowly missed a birdie and parred the hole to halve it, then on the 11th we lost the hole to bring it back to 1 up! That rattled the Italian Nino (Molinari), he net parred the 12th to take it back to 2 up followed by 2 quick succession Pars on the 13th and 14th to make it Dormy 4! I might add at this point Harry the Geordie was nearly taken out by (in his words) 'One of the Mad Campbell's', lol.

Nino then went AWAL on the 15th and I obliged by Parring the hole to halve it and win the match. The Man of the Match was definitely Nino with 5 Pars and 3 Net Pars, well done partner on a 4 and 3 win. Result aside we had a laugh all around playing with Les and Harry the Geordie.

Group 2: Bill Campbell (16) and Dave Dickinson (26) played Trevor (24) and Geoff (22).

Billy and Dave got off to a bad start by both of them losing their balls on the 1st but then they started to recover until Trevor and Geoff started to show their true handicaps and they found themselves 3 down.

But several holes later they had clawed themselves back to 1 down until Geoff hit a wonder shot on the 17th to end it all after his 'oh I'm in the water' comments on the way to his ball!

Well done to the Belton pair who played well and used their shots well As Bill quite rightly pointed out it was a nice course and a lovely afternoon and a loss of 2 and 1 was not bad given the difficulty of the course.

Group 3: Josh Martin (9) and Andy Murton (26) played Brian (8) and Joe (18).

Unfortunately, there was no match report from Andy and Josh but they were clearly up against it with Brian playing off a handicap of 8 and having home advantage. Andy was berating his driving (or his driver) at the bar amongst other things!

Understandably the strength of the home pair won the day with a 5 and 4 win. Well tried guys.

Playing on the Woodside Course were:

Group 1: Ian Prior (12) and Yvonne Prior (29) played Ron (14) and Jon (23).

Ian and Yvonne really enjoyed the day especially as they were able to play together. They both commented on the excellent course and good company of their partners Ron and John who, with home advantage, played much better than their handicaps suggested. The Food afterwards was fantastic! Getting back to the golf the final result was 4 and 3 to Belton woods, well tried you two.

The positive for me is that Ian is happy to be a Rabbit any time from now on.

Group 2: Phil Corby (19) and Kimberley Williamson (22) played with Andy (19) and Alan (20).

This was the result of the day and despite Phil and Kimberley winning 7 and 5 and taking the Highest Winning Pairs Kitty (much to the disgust of Nino who allegedly was playing on the hardest course, lol). We are robbed of how they did it other than knowing they were 5 up at the turn.

I Think in future I will release the Pot when the Match Reports are submitted!

Group 3: John Pearce (18) and Helen Kirschner (32) played Steve (16) and Liz (27). John and Helen played Steve (average drive 290 - 310 yards!!!) & Liz.

It was an extremely close and very enjoyable game. Both John and Helen played well together dovetailing in as and when required. The course was in a great condition, the weather was perfect and their opponents were great company.

To sum up, they drew 8 holes, lost 5 holes and won 5 holes resulting in an overall draw, what a result! they lost the first hole, drew the next two, lost the fourth going two down. After drawing the fifth, John parred the sixth and won it so one down but after drawing the seventh Steve parred the eighth so they were two down again. They then drew the ninth and tenth but lost the eleventh going three down. Helen then won the twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth so all square again. They then lost the fifteenth, drew the sixteenth, and John won the seventeenth, this left Helen with a 15 foot Put which teetered on and then stopped right on the edge of the hole!! Leaving the match All Square, what a comeback from our paring, well done Helen and John.

Summary

If we thought the Golf was something else, the best part was to come, you should have seen the culinary feast we were given with a two course Carvery (or 3 from a few of us), the meal was absolutely delicious.

The marginal result to Belton aside, we all had a lot of banter and laughs on and off the course and mostly enjoyed our rounds. I would like to thank all the South Kyme Team for their efforts on a good team performance and to Belton Wood's Captain Les Stewart and his team for their company and fantastic hospitality.

At the request of Belton Woods, we look forward to a home and away fixture next year.

Many Thanks

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