

MATCH REPORT

South Kyme Rabbits & Hares 2.5 v 3.5 Blankney

Saturday 13th October 2018 (Away)

This was our first match at Blankney since 2016 and we were fortunate to have a very warm day for this time of the year despite the very strong winds but at least the rain stayed away.

Group 1: Myself (21) and Dave Burrows (18) played Captain Robbie Selway (13) and Al Grieves (7).

Dave and I started well and by the 5th hole we were 2 up despite having to par our holes and win on net birdies. By the 10th hole the Blankney Pairing had reduced the deficit to A/S thanks to the superb accuracy of Al Grieves chipping and putting, he followed this up with yet another par on the 12th to give Blankney the lead for the first time in the match.

This rattled Vice captain Dave Burrows who parred the 14th to bring it back to A/S and then produced the shot of the Match on the 15th with an audacious 321 yard drive and went on to produce a net Birdie to give us a 1 shot lead.

Unfortunately, Al Grieves demonstrated his low handicap and local knowledge of the greens to win the next 3 holes for Blankney to win the match 2 up.

Well done to Al for a superb round in which he came in with a gross 75 and also to Vice Captain Dave Burrows who consistently outdrove all of us and played a superb round.

Group 2: Elvis Costello (21) and Josef Kirschner (24) played Paul Coathup (19) and Kev O'Rourke (8).

Despite some good scores, Elvis and Josef found themselves 4 down at the turn due to the Blankney pairings exceptional play. However, a superb response and recovery from our boys with a net Birdie from Josef on the 10th and Birdie from Elvis on the 12th brought it back to 1 down.

The 13th to 16th holes were all halved followed by a win on the 17th by Elvis bringing it back to A/S. Unfortunately, Blankney won the 18th and match 1 up.

Well played Elvis and Josef, superb recovery from strong opposition.

Group 3: Tom Siswick (19) and Lorna Campbell (33) played John Summers (14) and Barry Blakemore (21).

Tom and Lorna had a blistering start finding themselves 3 up after 5 holes largely down to Tom (Bionic Shoulders) Siswick's lengthy drives

and which produced a flurry of pars, Lorna helped steady the ship with some halves to keep them ahead.

This position remained the same until the 15th hole when the Blankney pairing parred the last 4 holes to win 3 of the holes to finish the match A/S. Well done Tom and Lorna on a well-played match and result.

Group 4: Andy Murton (24) and Yvonne Prior (29) played Sid Hicks (13) and Gordon Brenchley (19).

Andy and Yvonne were up against it with the Blankney pairing of Sid and Gordon who between them parred the first 8 holes to leave SK 6 down.

A well-played net Birdie on the 10th by Yvonne brought this back to 5 down before Blankney won the 11th to take it back to - 6. A net par by Andy on the 12th and 14th and a par by Yvonne on the 13th brought it to - 4. Unfortunately, that man Sid hit a Birdie on the 15th to give Blankney the win at 5 and 4.

Well played Andy and Yvonne in what could have been a higher score for Blankney.

Group 5: Ian prior (12) and Nino Vacca (25) played Bob Ledger (12) and Paul Finlay (16).

Ian and Nino had an excellent round finishing up 5 and 4 winners, unfortunately I couldn't get their scorecard from them on how they won the round, that is other than cries of 'Bandit Nino Vacca' from the Blankney Camp!

They very nearly won the Highest Winning Pairs Pot and asked 'tongue in cheek' for a Stewards Enquiry into our final pairings win against a single player. I think Ian was still feeling the pressure of Yvonne winning the Highest Winning Pot at last week's match against Laceby! Sorry lads we ruled in Mark and Graeme's favour. I am sure I will hear about this for the next couple of Bashes or so. Lol.

Anyway well played Ian and Nino on an excellent win.

Group 6: The final grouping was Mark Williamson (24) and Graeme Campbell (20) playing Ian Smith (22) and Ivor Sandways (27).

Unfortunately for Blankney Ian Smith didn't turn up so Ivor played his match as a singleton. Ivor set off like a greyhound out of the traps, playing extremely well and taking the first two holes to go 2 UP. The shock of losing the first couple of holes brought the SK pair down to earth with a bang. Game On! Mark birdied the Par 5 third and took the fourth to bring the SK pair back to AS going into the 5th.

Graeme took the fifth to take the pair to 1 UP. Ivor rallied to tie the sixth, but Mark and Graeme came back to take the next three holes to go 4 UP at the turn. Ivor conceded the 10th to put the SKGC pair 5 UP. Ivor was down but he was certainly not out, he came back strongly to take the next hole, so going into the twelfth the SKGC were 4 UP.

Due to some really bad luck Ivor conceded the next two holes which gave the SKGC pair the 6:5 win. It's not easy being a singleton player in Match play, but Ivor played some exceptional golf and can rightly feel proud of his efforts. Mark played some outstanding golf during the round, with a clutch of pars and a couple of birdies, the word Bandit was bandied around several times. A thoroughly good days' golf considering the windy conditions with great company and a great result for the SKGC pair, well done guys an excellent result and the Highest Winning Pairs Pot to share.

In Summary

We all had a thoroughly enjoyable round of golf which was followed by a two course meal as we came in and drinks and banter was had by one and all. Many thanks to Captain Robbie Selway and Vice-Captain Al Grieves for their welcome and hospitality to us all. We look forward to welcoming the Blankney players to SKGC for the return match in 2019.

A big thanks to everyone at SK who agreed to play and I am sorry that not everyone got to play but unfortunately Blankney could not allow us to play 16 players. This was our last Match of the 2018 Season (other than the 3 Club Challenge at Gedney on 3rd May) and for those of you that have played in one or more matches, I would like to thank you all for your support (Home and Away).

Lastly a big thanks to my team, Vice-Captain Dave Burrows, Mark Williamson and Helen Kirschner for their help and support in organising the Rabbits Team Matches & Halfway House throughout the Season I couldn't have done it without you, many thanks to you all.

Kind Regards

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