

## MATCH REPORT

### South Kyme Rabbits 2.0 v 4.0 Boston

14<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (Home)

The day started pretty dull but turned into a glorious sunny day, due to the course still being extremely wet, we played our match by completing the back 9 twice.

**Group 1:** Myself and Ian Pears played Acting Captain Eddie Markham and David Hodgson, our partners took an early lead on the first hole (10<sup>th</sup>) then the machine that is Mr Pears kicked into gear and we were given a display of drives, and iron play that beggared belief, Ian single-handedly outplayed the opposition and for most of the match (like our partners) I was a mere spectator albeit I did make a contribution to add to the win in the second 9.

During our 'star struck' awe at Ian's display of mastery, we suddenly heard a 'Buzzing Sound' from his hips (not a joke) and his secret was out he was playing with 'bionic hips' which explained the obscene distances he was driving the ball. Our playing partners then questioned the legality of Ian's 'extra help' and were looking for an extra 5 shots each to balance it up!

After a match that was full of banter and laughter all the way around we eventually ran out winners 5 and 3 thanks to Mr Pears' Wizardry. The handicap committee may wish to look closely at Ian's hips, err! I mean handicap!

**Group 2:** Elvis Costello and Helen Kirschner played Paul Keal (playing off 13) and Alan Wingate (playing off 23 but played to 13 last year, dodgy!).

Elvis and Helen were 2 up after 4 holes and tried valiantly to maintain the lead but playing potentially two 13 handicappers took its toll together with the heat exhaustion (we're not used to that are we Elvis).

Apparently our putting let us down badly and their playing partners ran out 3 and 2 winners. Well done guys good effort against strong opposition. .

**Group 3:** Bill Campbell and Eric Woods played Russ Delahoy and Keith Kilburn and this was dubbed as a grudge match with Tiger working with Keith and Russ is a Man United fan so bragging rights were at stake!

Our pair shot out of the blocks winning 3 of the first 4 holes and maintained the lead throughout.

According to Billy, Tiger only managed to reach the Ladies Tee on the 18<sup>th</sup> and tried to hide the fact (was Keith looking!), and he short putted no end of putts. Tiger on the other hand calls Bill 'put-put' and told him he would no longer do so if he putted a long put on the 16<sup>th</sup> to win the match, which he did! Talk about 'handbags at dawn' (sorry ladies).

However back to the match, they both enjoyed Keith and Russ's company throughout and as you would expect from these two there was never a dull moment! Bill and Eric finally ran out 3 and 2 winners, well done guys.

**Group 4:** Pete Sivill and Josef Kirschner played Terry Sims and Mark Lee both of whom played off 15! this was another very difficult pairing to play.

Like everyone else's match there was a lot of banter and laughter and that is what makes match play so good.

Pete and Josef fought valiantly throughout the match with Josef playing his heart out (as we would expect). Despite the gulf in their handicaps and abilities Pete and Josef kept the loss to 2 up to Boston, very respectable, good effort chaps.

**Group 5:** Kimberley Williamson and Yvonne Prior played John Gilchrist and Steve Ash. During the week Kimberley was sent off to Market Rasen Golf Club for some 'pre match' training along with her dad Mark, she won the bragging rights winning with 39pts!

However, after 5 holes our ladies were 4 holes' down and after giving themselves a talking to, they pulled it back to 2 down after 9 holes and 1 down after the 16<sup>th</sup>, 'game on', unfortunately they lost the 17<sup>th</sup> and ended up losing 2 and 1, it was one of those days where the putts just didn't drop, but what a fight back ladies, well played. The upside was that they had a fun and enjoyable match with their partners.

**Group 6:** The last grouping was Acting Vice-Captain Mark Williamson and Mark Harbin, who were playing Jamie Hicks and Zak 'Bubba' Watson.

Their match was 'nip and tuck' all the way. After taking an early lead Zak and Jamie parred the next three holes to put the two Marks' 2 down and this score remained until the Halfway House when Mr Harbin woke up (it's remarkable what Helen's food can do).

After the refill at the OK Corral Mr Harbin halved the 10<sup>th</sup>, and parred the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> to bring the match all square, game on! Jamie, net birdied the 13<sup>th</sup> (second time), then two more halves and a 'Bandit Williamson' net par on the 16<sup>th</sup> left it all square! After Jamie parred the 17<sup>th</sup> our boys needed to win the 18<sup>th</sup> to halve the match and despite

Mark H sinking a put for parr so did Jamie leaving Boston 1 up! Well played guys in what was a very close fought match. Good fun and rivalry was had by all.

Again this was another difficult challenge for the Rabbits So overall a very respectful result against strong opposition, so well done all a good team effort.

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. We just need some good weather from hereon in so the course can dry up and we can get back to normality!

Big thanks to Janet and her staff for a lovely breakfast and to Elvis who got my breakfast for me (until Janet told me he had tried to get in first and she told him the Captain's came up first lol).

As always thanks to Helen for the Halfway House (and Josef for his support).

Last but not least Mark Williamson for standing in as my Vice Captain.

Many Thanks

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