

## MATCH REPORT

### South Kyme Rabbits 5.0 v 3.0 Sandilands Rabbits

**Monday 24th September 2018 (Home)**

Well what a glorious autumnal day it was for the return Match with Sandilands Rabbits at South Kyme. As usual we were treated to one of Janet's Full English breakfasts which everyone thoroughly enjoyed and after a bit of banter and reading each other their fortunes we were ready for the off!

**Group 1:** Myself (21) and Helen Kirschner (30) played Captain Peter (Pedro) Martin (20) and Dave Knight (13).

After halving the first two holes Helen put us one up on the third and I then woke up and did my bit with a net birdie on the 5<sup>th</sup> and a gross birdie on the 6<sup>th</sup> (not sure where they came from!) to put us 3 up after 6! Following this, a win by Dave on both the 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> with a good half previously from Helen on the 8<sup>th</sup> saw us 1 up at the turn.

Helen again kept us in the game with a net par half on the 10<sup>th</sup> with Dave, and then that man again won the 11<sup>th</sup> to bring it back to A/S. I then made another brief appearance by winning the 13<sup>th</sup> only for my par on the 14<sup>th</sup> to be cancelled out with a superb birdie from Pedro who then net birdied the 15<sup>th</sup> with an audacious 25-yard chip into the cup to leave us 1 down with two holes to go! Despite us halving the 16<sup>th</sup> and getting a net par on the 17<sup>th</sup> that man Dave once again parred the hole to give a jubilant Pedro a 2 and 1 win, well done Sandilands for a well fought match and for a lot of fun in doing so and well done to Helen for a well-played round.

**Group 2:** Nick Milburn (18) and Yvonne Prior (29) played Ian Wallace (16) and John Potts (16).

After Yvonne halved the first hole a rejuvenated Nick Milburn won the 2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> holes and then halved the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> to give SK a 2 shot lead at the turn.

After refuelling at the Halfway House Yvonne won the 10<sup>th</sup> hole to make it 3 up and then both Nick and Yvonne halved the next 4 holes between them before Ian pulled one back for Sandilands. Another half for Yvonne at the 16<sup>th</sup> kept it 2 up for SK, Ian once again won the next hole to bring it back to 1 down until Nick won the 18<sup>th</sup> hole to make it 2 up for SK.

Well done Nick and Yvonne on a well-played match and win.

**Group 3:** John Huthwaite (17) and Josef Kirschner (24) played Dave Allen (27) and Tom Slack (18).

Our lads got off to a flying start with John winning the 1<sup>st</sup> and Josef winning the 2<sup>nd</sup> and after Sandilands won the 3<sup>rd</sup> to bring it back to 1 up SK our lads went on a spree with Josef winning the 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and John winning the 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> to make it 6 up at the turn!

Following a visit to the Halfway House for a siesta our lads decided to ease off the gas a little and give Sandilands a break. Holes 10, 11, 12 and 14 were all halved and Sandilands winning the 13<sup>th</sup> which meant after the 14<sup>th</sup> the teams shook hands on a 5 and 4 win to SK.

Well done John and Josef on a superb win and a share of the highest winning pairs pot

**Group 4:** Paul Roberts (15) and Steve Bailey (30) played Bob Lees (28) and G Leadbeater (21).

This was a pretty even match with never more than a couple of holes in it, SK were 2 up after the front 9 and coming out winners 2 Up on the 18th. As a 30 handicapper, Steve said he was in awe of his playing partner's skills which unfortunately, didn't rub off on him as he played his usual game of the occasional good shot (yes I can empathise with that one Steve), and wondering where the hell he got that one from, thinking he had found some form. Only to be dashed on the rocks of a miss-hit on the next one (Yes that one too! Don't you just love Golf)!

According to Steve, Paul played a blinder with some fabulous tee shots especially as he saved the best for last with an absolute rocket of a 3 wood on 18, to finish with a brilliant birdie. Steve said his contribution was a couple of 'halves' and clearing the dishes away after breakfast! It's all about Teamwork Steve we all play our part.

Well done guys on a good win.

**Group 5:** Graeme Campbell (20) and Helen Huthwaite (29) played Paul Eakets (18) and Brian Tinkler (17)

Graeme and Helen started well with Graeme winning the 1<sup>st</sup> hole and halving the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sandilands then won the 3<sup>rd</sup> followed by two halves and then unfortunately they got their eye in and won the next 4 holes to make it 4 down at the turn for SK.

Following a pit stop at the Halfway House, Graeme came out and won the 10<sup>th</sup> to bring it back to 3 down and both him and Helen then halved

the 11<sup>th</sup> unfortunately a par by the Sandilands team on the 12<sup>th</sup> took it back to 4 down, a superb par on the 13<sup>th</sup> by Graeme brought it back to 3 down before Sandilands parred the 14<sup>th</sup> and a half on the 15<sup>th</sup> meant that they shook hands on a 4 and 3 win to Sandilands. Unlucky you two and a valiant effort.

**Group 6:** Ian Prior (13) and Jenny Atherton (22) played Ron (Santa) Christmass (9) and Douglas Collard (25).

Ian and Jenny played a superb round against a 9 handicapper and after a very closely fought round ended up winning 2 and 1.

Well played you two very well played.

**Group 7:** Mark Williamson (25) and Lorna Campbell (33) played Geoff Ashford (13) and Mick Evans (28)

Mark and Lorna struggled against a very resilient Sandilands pairing and despite their best efforts lost by 6 and 4, well tried you two.

**Group 8:** The final grouping was Vice-Captain Dave Burrows (18) and Dave Dickinson (26) playing Peter Warnes (19) and Phil Parker (20).

There were not many shots given today so it was looking as if it was going to be a tight match. PP (Sandilands) won the 1st hole and South Kyme were 1 down. Dave & Dave both hit 4's after poor tee shots on the second to draw the match.

DB parred 3 to go 1 up, then DD nett par on the 4th put SK 2 up. No one hit the fairway on the 5th and DB's drop from behind the pond went OOB at the side of the green; so back to +1 with no one putting out as the hole was conceded.

DB parred 6 and DD parred (net birdy) 7, to go 3 up. DB parred 8 for a win before 9 was drawn on 5's; +4 at the turn looked promising for the SK team.

Wins for SK on 10 and 11 saw a +6 for SK and the opposition were rattled; pars and nett pars on 12 and 13 and it was all over 6 & 5 win for SK, with a match played in very good spirit.

P.S. DB birdied 14 and SK also won or halved the remaining holes on the run in to the clubhouse.

Well done Dave and Dave for a superb win that gave you a share of the highest winning pairs kitty.

### In Summary

This was SKGC Rabbits first match this season in which we played 16 players and it worked well with increased revenue into the club and at the same time we all had a lot of fun and banter with the Sandilands Team, who have proved to be a good fixture at home and away.

A big thanks to everyone at SK who agreed to play especially on a Monday and also thanks to Janet and the staff for looking after us all and to Helen for organising the Halfway House which Sandilands were very impressed with. As usual a big thanks to my Vice-Captain Dave Burrows and to Mark Williamson for their help on the day.

Following the match, I received a text from Pedro thanking us all for making the Sandilands Team welcome at South Kyme and making their day enjoyable. They all look forward to the home and away fixtures next year.

Many Thanks

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