

Match Report – OGC v Worcestershire GC at Cotswold Club 29/5/19

Your reporter arrived at the course in good time, in rain! This is not what we have come to expect at OGC matches – what is happening?

Despite my early arrival, many of the Worcester boys including Kevin Woodham (Captain for his second year!) were already enjoying the Cotswold Clubs facilities.

Following a disappointing result against Cambridge our Captain was looking to get back on the winning trail, but as he pointed out later, Worcestershire are a bit of a bogey team for us and our record not great against them – they had the trophy from the prior year.

After the usual welcomes and sustenance, the games started “in the rain/drizzle” and this persisted for the afternoon.

Our Captain continued his fine form and record with a 6&5 win – apparently holing putts from everywhere. I am sure Cotswold Captain Tom gave him all the correct lines for the putts.

Dave Haddock and Brian Arrighi made it 2 wins for us, and Danny Fois and Dave Watton came in with a half to make it a great start.

Match 4 did not start well. I was advised after 6 holes that they were 5 down. However, Dave Ryan and Richard Green fought back and at one point had the match back to level. A close finish left them losing on the last hole just 1 down.

Myself and Tony Hill had a very close match. Went up early but frittered away some holes to let the opposition get back on terms. We were then hanging on with some great play from Graham Dumphy on the back nine. His birdies on 15 and 16 put us 1 down but a fighting win on 17 with Tony making a great putt after being in a bit of trouble meant all square down the last. We were fortunate that the opposition messed up and we crept home 1 up. A great match, but not always great golf.

Now 3.5 to 1.5 and with DB's (Drayton Bandit's if you do not understand) Dave Pratt and Jim Weir in the next game, what could go wrong? Well nothing of course, they came with a 2&1 win to make the match result safe for our Captain.

Not so good in the final two matches so a final score of 4 ½ to 3 ½. Always a good result against a very competitive Worcestershire team.

A fine meal was enjoyed by all and lots of friendly banter in our private dining room. A very delighted Captain Chris summed up the day's events and thanked the Club, his team and the opposition for a great day. Captain Kevin spoke a little longer mainly about the exploits of Chris and added his thanks to everyone. He then announced the result and presented the Trophy to Chris ~~Mr Grumpy~~ Smiley Spearing. Will we get use to this new persona!

Peter Walton

Match Manager

See individual results below.

Oxfordshire Golf Captains =v= Worcestershire Golf Captains
at the Cotswolds Golf Club on Wednesday 29th May, 2019

4.5 Match Result 3.5

Match	Oxfordshire Captains	H'cap	Result	Worcester Captains	H'cap
NO.1	Chris Spearing - <i>Captain/Treasurer</i> Drayton Park Golf Club	18	Won	Kevin Woodham - <i>Captain</i>	12
	Tom Durant - <i>Captain 2019 of</i> The Cotswolds Club	13	6+5	Rob Millward	8
NO.2	David Haddock Badgemore Park Golf Club	5	Won	Mike Kriese	16
	Brian Arrighi The Springs Golf Club	17	3&2	Mick Joiner	16
NO.3	Danny Fois Badgemore Park Golf Club	7	Half	Trevor Sidwell	13
	David Watton - <i>2019 Captain of</i> The Wychwood Golf Club	13		Dave Fourness	17
NO.4	David Ryan Feldon Valley Golf Club	10	Lost	Clive Allen	16
	Richard Green Oxford City Golf Club	13	1 down	Les Gaul	14
NO.5	Pete Walton - <i>Match Day Manager</i> Kirtlington Golf Club	11	Won	Richard Hardy- <i>Match Manager</i>	18
	Tony Hill The Oxfordshire	16	1 up	Graham Dumphy	10
NO.6	David Pratt Drayton Park Golf Club	13	Won	Graham Yardley	17
	Jim Weir Drayton Park Golf Club	15	2&1	John Fletcher	16
NO.7	Ollie Bowden Drayton Park Golf Club	27	Lost	Ivan Cross	20
	Michael Morley <i>*** Buggy</i> Hadden Hill Golf Club	24	3&1	James Pearce <i>***Buggy</i>	10
NO.8	Chunky Townley <i>*** Buggy</i> The Cotswolds Golf Club	21	Lost	John Holt	13
	Dudley Carpenter <i>*** Buggy</i> The Wychwood Golf Club	21	6&5	Andy Culshaw	14

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