

Oxfordshire Golf Captains Vs Devon Golf Captains The Wychwood Golf Club – Wednesday 30th May 2018

The annual match against our friends from Devonshire was played at the Wychwood Golf Club although it very nearly wasn't! Following a lengthy deluge during the night, the green staff arrived at the Wychwood in the morning to discover it pretty well flooded and promptly declared it closed for play.

Debate decided that, as many players from both teams were already en route, to try and find another nearby venue that was playable. The Wychwood course was deemed playable mid-morning, immediately after our good friends at the Cotswolds Club had agreed we could host the match with them.

And so it was that the match went ahead on a dull, warm and occasionally quite damp afternoon on the beautiful Wychwood course. Unfortunately for our visitors, our guys were not in the most hospitable of moods and eventually issued a whitewash of eight matches to zero; our records disclose that this is only the second time this has ever happened, the first being when Oxfordshire beat the Cornwall Captains in 1995 by 8 matches to zero, strangely, also on the Wychwood Course. Even more weirdly, the only other whitewash occurred in 1998 when the Somerset Golf Captains dealt us an identical drubbing, also once more on the Wychwood golf course. There must be something about that place!

Apres golf, our visitors did not appear too upset about the result because the bar was a hubbub of noisy babble and friendly banter. The usual excellent Wychwood carvery was enjoyed before our guests departed for their Cotswolds Club hotel and thence onwards to Warwickshire in the morning for the second match of their mini-tour.

See below for Match results

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Match	Oxfordshire Captains	H'cap	Result	Devonshire Captains	H'cap
NO.1	Pete Walton - Captain Kirtlington Golf Club	11	1 - 0	Ben Lynch - Captain	11
	Keith Holmes - 2018 Captain Wychwood Golf Club	6	6 & 4	Mike Badcock	24
NO.2	David Haddock Badgemore Park Golf Club	5	1 - 0	Malcolm Jordain	11
	Neil Flint Wychwood Golf Club	15	2 & 1	Lew Easter	19
NO.3	Mike Pennick Magnolia Park Golf Club	6	1 - 0	David Jack	18
	Brian Mallon Bicester Golf Club	13	1 up	John Smith	18
NO.4	Bob Thomas - 2018 Captain Henley Golf Club	11	1 - 0	Adrian Beaumont	11
	Brian Arrighi The Springs Golf Club	16	5 & 3	Val Richards	20
NO.5	Gerry Hinnigan ** Buggy Burford Golf Club	15	1 - 0	Bob Webber	14
	Chunky Townley ** Buggy The Cotswolds Club	21	5 & 4	Roger Bawdon	22
NO.6	David Bates The Wychwood Golf Club	14	1 - 0	David Barker	13
	David Palmer ** Buggy Drayton Park Golf Club	17	7 & 6	Ray Gunston	21
NO.7	David Hole Drayton Park Golf Club	11	1 - 0	Brian Waggett	15
	David Lakin Tadmarton Heath Golf Club	16	5 & 4	Roger Cooper	23
NO.8	Bob Bannister Burford Golf Club	8	1 - 0	Brian Rice - Vice Captain	19
	Ken Hanley Tadmarton Heath Golf Club	17	1 up	Neil Hayman	9

Result: Oxfordshire Golf Captains 8 Devon Golf Captains 0