

OFGS v College

Friday, 2nd October 2020

When that time of the year comes round again for assembling teams for the autumn matches, the OF Captain of Golf is usually set the easiest job in the world. Hand picking an elite few from the vast pool of talented OF's should be no more complicated a task than shelling peas. No problem. It just needs the magic recipe of a great golf course, a hearty lunch washed down with a couple of pints of Adnams and "voila", job done!

It seems that our prayers for golf had been answered for the Autumn Meeting as well as for the next day match against Aldeburgh. However, 2020, being what it was, would have the final say. The warmth of late September would give way to a damp and very blustery early October. We had lucked out.

It's amazing what a bit of wet and windy weather can do for a golf fixture. Early enthusiasm tends to ebb away with "old rugby injuries" and joint aches suddenly resurfacing from the OF's who, magically age 20 years when it suits them! At a stroke, with the prospect of an inclement Aldeburgh, the talent pool started to leak..... badly!

The immortal words of Sir Matt Busby's "if you're good enough - you're old enough" would give way to the buffoonery of Mike Bassett's "if you're old enough – you're good enough!" And that's the way it was when recruiting team OF from the list provided by the Hon Sec.

Upon careful scrutiny, it seemed as though anybody who had ever held a golf club and had been to Framlingham was on the list as eligible to play. This seemed to read more of "who WAS" rather than a "who's who". One of the candidates lined up for a call had been deemed too old to fight in the First World War! With a bit of amateur people trafficking being agreed from the College to the OF's, the numbers were more or less even and it was game on!

There could be no complaints about the quality of the golfing talent competing that afternoon. The College boasted several single figure handicappers who gave a great account of themselves. The teams for the headline events in the calendar such as the Halford Hewitt and Grafton Morrish are looking terrific for the future. There was some excellent scoring as the challenging conditions were swept aside.

Results for the individual matches -

George Jackson won 4&2 over James Brocks
Callum Pearce lost by 2 holes to Jamie Kingstone
Poppy Beales & Theo Wild lost 5&4 to Harvey Finbow & Nick Gandy
Henry Moore & Zach Gandy won 5&3 over Neil Jackson
Fraser Johnson & Tibo Salter lost 3&1 to Hugh Curle & Peter Howard- Dobson
Sam Sporborg & Archie Legg halved with Clive Cooksey & Barry Hitchcock
Archie McEwan & Jack Lewis lost 4&2 to Alex Gordon & Johann Myburgh
Robin Waddington & Jacobi Bishopp won 3&2 over Jonty Lecompte & Dominic Wade

Harry Swinburn & Max Thompson won 4&3 over Eddie Darley

The final score was Yooof 3 1/2 Oldies 5 1/2

Greatest thanks goes to all parties, and especially to Aldeburgh GC, for making it happen.

James Brocks