

IT LOOKED PROMISING BUT

Stover GC, near Newton Abbot, was the venue for our match against Devon Past Captains on Thursday 5 August. And, the night before, the forecast was not that encouraging.

Certainly as the Wiltshire team headed down the A303 and the M5, the forecast unfortunately looked like being true. However the hope was that by the time we had lunch and went out for the first tee off at 1300hrs, the worst of the weather would have passed through and headed up to Wiltshire and beyond.

Not quite true as it was still raining when our Captain led his troops onto the first tee after a hearty lunch, and a warm welcome from our hosts. Fortunately, our prayers were answered as it did slowly dry up and we all returned to the clubhouse, waterproofs off, umbrellas down, and generally dry.

Stover was new to many of us and it is a pretty parkland course with lots of tree lined fairways. It was in very good condition but, being on clay soil, the fairways were a bit soggy underfoot in places and the greens wet, with some water lying. I don't think that prevented anyone from enjoying the course.

Our Captain and his teammate were the perfect guests bowing out gracefully to the hosts, before a run of three wins in the following four matches, gave the Wiltshire team an early lead.

But, as the early matches sat in the bar, thinking of glory, regretfully it all began to go downhill.

Never count your chickens is the old motto and this proved to be so true as our last three matches all went down to comfortable defeats.

Tales were told of a putt missed, a bad lie in the rough, or a fantastic shot from the Devon team. But, all that matters is the result – a 5-3 win to Devon Golf Captains. Congratulations to them and we will be looking to reverse the result in 2022.

A shower and a change, a drink or two and then it was through to the club dining room for a lovely and very filling three course meal, with wine on the table.

Toasts to each team were given, and photographs taken before the two Captains addressed the assembled players. As ever, a great day, with golf played in the very best of friendships – and, as they say – 'it's the taking part that counts'.

Then it was farewell to our Devon friends and back to the car for a return trip to Wiltshire.

My thanks to all who played and to nearly getting us home to a victory. Next year!!

**Jim Murdoch
Match Secretary**

Devon Golf Captains v Wiltshire Golf Captains

Order of Play

Date: Thursday 5th August 2021 Venue: Stover G C

Match	Devon G C	Wiltshire G C	WGC Result
1	Graham Heaman Captain DGC	Frank Ham Tidworth Garrison GC WGC Captain	L 4/2
	Brian Waggett	Fred Psyk Cumberwell Park GC	
2	Steve Ryder	Ian Armstrong The Wiltshire WGC Hon. Secretary	W 4/3
	Brian Rice	Ian Vincent Upavon GC	
3	Rob Vooght	Jim Murdoch High Post GC Match Secretary	L 1 down
	David Taylor	Ian Wood Cumberwell Park GC	
4	Bob Beeson	Dave Pallas Hamptworth G C	W 1 up
	Glyn Kneebone	Jeremy Bowers High Post GC	
5	John Mitchell	Terry Broom Cumberwell Park GC	W 3/1
	Peter Northcott	Bob Channon Upavon GC	
6	Mike Penlington	Dick Solomon Ogbourne Downs GC	L 4/3
	Nick James	Geoff Titt West Wilts GC	
7	Lloyd Howle	Colin Bell High Post GC	L 5/4
	Paul Smale	Rod Grinsted Frilford Heath GC	
8	Malcolm Jordain	Ernie Kee Chippenham GC	L 4/3
	Ian Black	David Clutson Tidworth G C	

Devon GC 5 v 3 Wiltshire GC





















