

Match Report

Wiltshire Golf Captains v Shropshire & Herefordshire Played Friday 20th May at Leominster Golf Club

The day didn't start too well and the weather continued to deteriorate for most of the journey, stopping a few miles short of Leominster Golf Club, where it was dull but dry.

Some of us had driven over three hours to get there whilst the luckier ones only had two hours. Nevertheless, as our opponents began to appear and congregate in the Club House, the sun put in an appearance and was a very cheering and morale lifting sight.

We had an excellent lunch and were given a choice of very tasty sandwiches, which were made to order. Whilst this was going on the teams were confirmed and all became clear. Unfortunately, the opposition had let it be known they were going to be six players short, so we took an additional two players so that we could make up five 4balls. That meant that the remaining eight WGC players were then put into two x 4balls, each one having a pair representing S & H and one representing WGC. Not ideal but their match Captain was grateful that we had responded positively and it worked.

For most of the game we were blessed with plenty of sunshine. This ensured that we were able to play our golf on a very well presented course, surrounded by beautiful countryside in excellent weather and of course, wearing short sleeves and in some cases shorts! Did this last, unfortunately no but the rain did wait until we were all well into the back nine. Whereupon, the very, very heavy rain was a major factor in a number of sporting gestures to settle for a half and do a runner to the clubhouse. Surprisingly, by the time the magnanimous golfers reached the clubhouse, the sun burst upon us and cheered us all up.

Once all dressed in dry clothing again, we met in dining room, had an excellent meal and got chance to sit and chat. At the end of the meal we learned that most probably we, WGC had won, although the running from the rain appeared to have clouded some decisions and boasting was forbidden.

Overall, a long journey, a long pleasant, satisfying day and Success!

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Order of Play

Match	Team: WGC	H/C	Team: S & H	H/C	Result
1	Ian Armstrong - Capt	10.3			
	Andrew Hunter	16.5			
2	Howard Thompson	16.8			
	Geoff Titt	12.7			
3	Ernie Kee	14.8			
	David McGrory	6.5			
4	Wally Bryson	21.6			
	Dave Clutson - sec	14.7			
5	Melvin Stewart	11.4			
	Richard Cory	18.6			
6	Richard Sealey	15.2			
	Mike Venables	17.0			
7	Dick Solomon	16.1			
	Martin Hudson	21.1			
8	Kevin Phillip	10.6			
	Ian Wood	13.4			
9	John Charles	18.7			
	Jeremy Bowers				

Date: 20th May 2022

Venue: Leominster GC

Match Secretary: David Clutson

Score: 4/3 to WGC