

Four Counties Competition Report

Thursday 13th June 2024

The Berkshire, Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire teams arrived at Kingsdown Golf Club for the "4 Counties Challenge". Registration accompanied by tea or coffee and a bacon roll took place from 11.00, as there had been some very early starts from home for some. The 'welcome' from Tim Page, the serving Kingsdown Captain, was well received by everyone.

Play began just after 12.00 and with a two-tee start, ensured all players were off by 12.45. Unfortunately summer weather had not become established and we were treated to a day of light rain blown in by a southerly but decidedly cool breeze. The old course at Kingdown therefore proved challenging. Could the Dorset Captains hold on to the trophy they won in 2023?

Wiltshire were represented by the following pairings :

Ian Armstrong
Mike Bowes

Ian Vincent (Captain)
Robin Kingston

Ian Lund
Neil Black

Tim Page
Jim Donald

Gary Gale-Sides
Jeremy Bowers

John Lawton
Andy Hatter

Dinner was 'Wiltshire Corn Fed' Jamaican Jerk Chicken Thighs with Rosemary roast, new potatoes and Red Cabbage Slaw. This was followed by Apple Pie and Ice Cream.

Onward to the presentations and the result. There were three par threes with a nearest the pin on each, with our own Jim Donald mastering the 4th hole the best of all. There were further prizes for best front and back nines and an overall best card. Had Wiltshire fought back after Ian Vincent and Robin Kingston were temporarily lost between the first and second holes!?

The all important result for the team event was actually very close. Only five Stableford points separated top from bottom. The captains from Somerset were declared top of the pile and each team member received two bottles of wine and the team captain took receipt of the time-honoured tea caddy. Well played the scrumpy boys. Wiltshire finished three points back in third spot.

1st Tee

Match		HI	CH	PH		HI	CH	PH
1	Somerset 1				Wiltshire 1			
1204	Andy Carter Stockwood Vale	6.8	6	5	Ian Vincent (Captain) Upavon	17.4	19	16
	Steve Butterfield Cannington	17.3	19	16	Robin Kingston Upavon	7.9	8	7
2	Berkshire 1				Dorset 1			
1212	Jim Farrell (Captain) Newbury & Crookham	21.3	24	20	David Picton (Fix Sec) Weymouth	13.9	15	13
	Nick Wood (Hon Sec) Donnington Grove	14.2	15	13	Hugh Lawes Came Down	7.9	8	7
3	Berkshire 2				Wiltshire 2			
1220	Paul Masters (V Capt) Castle Royle	18.3	20	17	Ian Lund Kingsdown	16.3	18	15
	Phil Bastian Castle Royle	10.2	10	9	Neil Black Erlestoke	8.8	9	8
4	Dorset 2				Somerset 2			
1228	Peter Foster Dorset G&CC	7.5	7	6	Mike Rossiter(Captain) Enmore Park	5.4	5	4
	Derek Grimes Canford School	28.4	M A X	24	Rob Fear (Fix Sec) Enmore Park	14.3	15	13
5	Berkshire 3				Somerset 3			
1236	Darren Gatwood Calcot Park	2.5	1	1	Paul Chesney (Treas) Weston-Super-Mare	5.8	5	4
	Brian Aldridge Maidenhead	9.4	9	8	John Beer Oake Manor	12.9	14	12
6	Wiltshire 3				Dorset 3			
1244	Tim Page Kingsdown	11.9	12	10	Peter Brickell Highcliffe Castle	16.6	18	15
	Jim Donald Kingsdown	9.6	10	9	Charles Foster Came Down	20.6	23	20

10th Tee

7 1204	Berkshire 4 Paul Gold Sonning	14.0	15	13	Dorset 4 Alan Bates Weymouth	12.0	13	11
	Mervin Foulds Maidenhead	12.1	13	11	John Skinner Yoevil	12.4	13	11
8 1212	Somerset 4 Dean Evans Stockwood Vale	8.5	8	7	Wiltshire 4 Ian Armstrong (Fix Sec) The Wiltshire	11.9	12	10
	Roy Parmiter (Pres) Long Sutton	10.1	10	9	Mike Bowes (Treas) Wrag Barn	16.9	18	15
9 1220	Berkshire 5 Roger Beavis (Treas) Reading	16.2	17	14	Wiltshire 5 John Lawton Chippenham	15.9	17	14
	Keith Watson Newbury & Crookham	16.2	17	14	Andy Hatter Ogbourne Downs	12.9	14	12
10 1228	Dorset 5 Nigel Mobbs (Sec) Sherborne	9.3	9	8	Somerset 5 Matt Lazenby Weston-Super-Mare	3.6	3	3
	Brian Hansford Came Down	8.9	9	8	Murray Parsons Brean	14.5	15	13
11 1236	Berkshire 6 Mike Hurst Maidenhead	13.2	14	12	Somerset 6 Kevin Blakeley Stockwood Vale	10.1	10	9
	John Cornish Sonning	14.5	15	13	Mark Moorfoot Bath	18.2	20	17
12 1244	Wiltshire 6 Gary Gale-Sides Kingsdown	15.0	16	14	Dorset 6 Jim Allan Minchinhampton	14.4	15	13
	Jeremy Bowers High Post	11.1	11	9	David Woodruffe Bridport & West Dorset	12.3	13	11

County	Front 9	Back 9	Overall
Berkshire 1	13	22	35
Berkshire 2	19	21	40
Berkshire 3	17	19	36
Berkshire 4	17	17	34
Berkshire 5	16	21	37
Berkshire 6	18	15	33
Total Top 5			182
Dorset 1	19	20	39
Dorset 2	15	12	27
Dorset 3	16	17	33
Dorset 4	18	12	30
Dorset 5	17	20	37
Dorset 6	17	22	39
Total Top 5			178
Somerset 1	13	14	27
Somerset 2	20	18	38
Somerset 3	17	19	36
Somerset 4	17	18	35
Somerset 5	17	20	37
Somerset 6	19	18	37
Total Top 5			183
Wiltshire 1	18	19	37
Wiltshire 2	18	20	38
Wiltshire 3	15	17	32
Wiltshire 4	14	17	31
Wiltshire 5	18	19	37
Wiltshire 6	17	19	36
Total Top 5			180

Nearest Pin 4 - Jim Donald Wiltshire

Nearest Pin 14 - Matt Lazenby Somerset

Nearest Pin 17 - Nick Wood Berkshire

Best Front 9 – Mike Rossiter, Rob Fear Somerset 20 Points

Best Back 9 – Jim Allan, David Woodruffe Dorset 22 Points on count back (last 3 holes)

Best Pair – Paul Masters, Phil Bastain Berkshire 40 Points

Congratulations Somerset on winning the 2024 Four Counties Trophy.

Somerset thanked Kingsdown for hosting the Challenge and Ian Vincent paid tribute to the organization of Ian Armstrong and Mike Bowes, and wished all a safe journey home.

Table of the County Scores :

Somerset 183

Berkshire 182

Wiltshire 180

Dorset 178



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Two men are shaking hands in a bar. The man on the left is wearing a grey suit jacket, a blue patterned shirt, and a red and blue striped tie. The man on the right is wearing a dark green golf jacket with a gold medal sash and a green scarf. He has a logo on his jacket that reads "WILTSHIRE GOLF CLUB".



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CAPTAIN 2024