

DORSET COUNTY GOLF UNION

COLTS

MATCH: DORSET v SUSSEX

LOCATION CAME DOWN GC **DATE** 24 AUGUST 2008

FOURSOMES

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|---------------|----------------------|--|----------|----------------|------|----------|
| 1 | David King-Underwood | | 0 | Matt Turner | 6&5 | 1 |
| | Luke Gough | | | Stuart Barber | | |
| 2 | Lloyd Walton | | 0 | Ali Dalglish | 4&3 | 1 |
| | Clinton Norris | | | Ashley Rees | | |
| 3 | Jon Putman | | 0 | Chris Jess | 1 up | 1 |
| | Rowan Smith | | | Dave Nickson | | |
| 4 | Dan Hanniford | | 0 | Richard Leeves | 4&2 | 1 |
| | Daryl Wood | | | Lee Drew | | |
| RESULT | | | 0 | RESULT | | 4 |

SINGLES

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|---------------|----------------------|------|----------|----------------|------|----------|
| 1 | Rowan Smith | | | Matt Turner | 2&1 | 1 |
| 2 | Daryl Wood | | | Ashley Rees | 3&2 | 1 |
| 3 | Jon Putman | | | Stuart Barber | 2&1 | 1 |
| 4 | Lloyd Walton | | | Ali Dalglish | 3&1 | 1 |
| 5 | Dan Hanniford | | | Chris Jess | 4&3 | 1 |
| 6 | Clinton Norris | 1 up | 1 | Dave Nickson | | 0 |
| 7 | Luke Gough | | | Lee Drew | 2 up | 1 |
| 8 | David King-Underwood | | | Richard Leeves | 2&1 | 1 |
| RESULT | | | 1 | RESULT | | 7 |

OVERALL RESULT

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| RESULT | 1 | RESULT | 11 |
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Match report:

General

Came Down presented itself extremely well having had a refreshing shower or two overnight. For this part of the world the wind was light and the course was playing reasonably easily. The catering provided by the club was excellent, especially the welcoming coffee and bacon baps. It was particularly pleasing to see the County President, Secretary, Juniors President and Juniors Secretary all attending to give their

support for the morning and part of the afternoon. There were six substitutes from the original team list and two reserves, a factor that did not bode well for success in the day.

Match

The home course advantage failed to materialise as, once again, we lost all four foursomes as we did last year at Copthorne GC. Only one match was close with Jon Putman and Rowan Smith, a new partnership, losing only one hole down. There were some highlights, notably Daryl Wood holing his pitch shot on the tricky 5th. Overall one has to say that our foursomes play is weak.

There was little change in our fortunes in the afternoon. Though the matches were very much closer we still managed to lose seven of them, gaining a single point through Clinton Norris who sank an enormous putt on the last green to win his match one up. My presence at some holes seemed to conjure up excellent play by the opposition rather than inspired play by the county!

Summary

The Sussex secretary was heard to comment that his side had need to sharpen up its short game. How much more true is that for Dorset? It seems that we need to focus this winter on both that and foursomes play. Although the Sussex side was weakened by the absence of some of their star players they came, nevertheless, with a side that boasted two +2s, two +1s and four scratch players! In spite of that we should have done better even though we, too, had a side bereft of some of the regular players. We have but two events left in the season – the SW Youths Championship at Perranporth and Surrey on 28 September. Perhaps we can close with a touch of success.

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