

DORSET COUNTY GOLF UNION
SOUTH EAST LEAGUE MATCH V HAMPSHIRE
10 MAY 09 at STONEHAM GOLF CLUB

FOURSOMES

NO	HAMPSHIRE	DORSET	RESULT
1	Ryan Henley/Martin Young	Tom Leech/Andy Windsor	Lost 1 down
2	Darren Wright/Rob Gowers	David Norton/Giles Legg	Won 2/1
3	Neill Raymond/Gavin O'Neill	James Wythe/Ben Harvey	Lost 8/7
4	Jon Watt/Mark Burgess	David Cook/Matt Walker	Won 5/4
RESULT			2-2
SINGLES			
1	Ryan Henley	James Wythe	Lost 7/5
2	Neil Raymond	David Norton	Won 3/2
3	Martin Young	Ben Havey	Lost 6/5
4	Jon Watt	Matt Walker	Half
5	Darren Wright	Andy Windsor	Lost 1 down
6	Rob Gowers	David Cook	Won 2 and 1
7	Mark Burgess	Giles Legg	Lost 1 down
8	Gavin O'Neil	Tom Leech	Lost 1 down
RESULT			5.5/2.5
FINAL RESULT			7.5/4.5

Four late changes to the Dorset Team due to form or injury saw Lawrence, Davies, Garwood and Adams come out and Legg, Wythe, Harvey and Walker come in.

We arrived at Stoneham for practice on the Saturday afternoon very much aware of Hampshire's supremacy over the last two years by reaching the English County finals. With this in mind, we focused heavily on being more effective in the foursomes matches. As it turned out, the practice paid off with us gaining 2 wins and nearly having a slender lead with Hampshire making a birdie on the 18th vs Leech and Windsor to steal the match.

Dorset went in to the afternoon singles quietly confident of being able to gain the upper hand. This proved to be the case early on being up in 5 matches and down in 3. Andy Bow, Hampshire's Captain recognized a change in Dorset's team spirit and determination and was very relieved to see his team finishing the stronger.

Of the 5 matches that went to the 18th, Hampshire birdied the hole four times which proved to be the difference between the two teams. Hampshire's self-belief is something that we can learn from to have the confidence to finish successfully.

We now move on to the South West Championships with strength in our foursomes matches and a bigger squad due to the players that came in late in the day.

Thank you to all present who supported the team on the day.