

DORSET COUNTY GOLF UNION

JUNIORS

MATCH: Juniors v Crane Valley GC

LOCATION Crane Valley GC DATE 8 Mar 09

1	Rob Cunningham – 3		0	Stewart Rennie – 8	Won	1
2	Harry Mitchell – 3			Craig Thompson - 6	3&2	
3	Jordan Howlett – 8		0	Matt Goodchild – 6	Won	1
4	Robbie Mabb – 5			Graham Ramsdale – 10	1 up	
5	Scott Heap – 4		0	Dave Bannell – 7	Won	1
6	Jake Broughton – 5			Mike Vivian – 6	5&4	
7	Sonny Wilkinson – 5		0	Gary Waterman – 7	Won	1
8	Luke Hirst – 5			Terry May – 10	3&2	
9	Alex Kerr – 4	Won	1	Ben Martin – 5		0
10	Harry Shaw – 3	7&6		Rob Atherton - 6		
RESULT			1	RESULT		4

Report:

After a recent fall of snow Crane Valley was fairly muddy in places, alleviated by a generous plugged-ball ruling. Starting with a strong wind and sunshine the day rapidly deteriorated into a series of squalls with cold biting wind and rain. Jordan Howlett came into the side replacing a sick James Higgins – thanks to him for standing in at the last minute.

The match was played as 4BBB with $\frac{3}{4}$ of the handicap difference as the allowance. The Crane Valley GC Hardy 'A' side made the most of it running out winners 4:1. Some excellent golf was played under the testing conditions but some helpful observations may also be made:

- The County short game needs some real sharpening
- Club selection for approach shots into a 2/3 club wind was poor too often
- Preparation for cold wet weather could improve!

It was good to see Alex, Sonny and Harry in reasonable form though not benefitting from the Elite Squad coaching. They will get two sessions during this month. Congratulations must go to Alex and Harry for their great win and to Robbie and Jordan who almost pulled off an excellent half, being Dormy 3 down on 16 and losing to an off greenside par putt by Matt Goodchild. All in all a reasonable day in spite of the disappointing result. The parental support was good as usual and thanks are due Ian Hulse for spending most of the day with us.

Bill Kennedy
pp County Junior Secretary

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