



**DORSET COUNTY GOLF UNION
COUNTY FIRST TEAM - RESULT SHEET**

Opponents: Sussex

Played at Ashley Wood GC

Date: 30th August 2009

FOURSOMES

1	Matt Walker		0	Mark Hilton	2&1	1	
	Darryl McMahan			Adam Gilbraith			
2	Iain Donnelly		0	Stuart Barber	3&2	1	
	Steve Sanger			Luke Cornford			
3	Kevin Garwood	1 up	1	Chris Jess		0	
	Jon Welch			James Doswell			
4	Tom Leech		0	Richie Farmer	1 up	1	
	Andrew Windsor			Richard Leeves			
RESULT			1	RESULT			3

SINGLES

1	Matt Walker	1up	1	Mark Hilton		0	
2	Iain Donnelly		½	James Doswell		½	
3	Darryl McMahan		0	Stuart Barber	4&3	1	
4	Kevin Garwood	2&1	1	Adam Gilbraith		0	
5	Jon Welch	3&2	1	Luke Cornford		0	
6	Steve Sanger		0	Chris Jess	3&2	1	
7	Andrew Windsor	2&1	1	Richie Farmer		0	
8	Tom Leech		½	Richard Leeves		½	
RESULT			5	RESULT			3

OVERALL RESULT

Dorset	6	Sussex	6
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MATCH REPORT

Dorset entertained a very strong Sussex side still looking to win the SE league title at Ashley Wood Golf Club, the course was beautifully presented and playing very well with holding greens and some tricky but fair pin positions. The weather was not good and the morning saw the cloud roll in and the odd spot of drizzle and for those not playing it was quite cold.

The captain had to make some late team changes as some of our senior players were unavailable thus the inclusion of the Captain himself and local member Steve Sanger. With the Foursome pairs done the match got under way and the Captain paired with Steve Sanger were hit with Birdies and an eagle early doors and soon found themselves 6 down they rallied well in the end to make the score line respectful but it was one nil to Surrey. Matt and Darryl gelled well but could not hold on to go down 2&1. Kevin Garwood played a good mentoring role to the up and coming first teamer Jon Welch and whilst they had trouble finding the green at times once there, they made finding the hole simple and held on to record our only point of the morning session as the back pair in Andrew and Tom failed to get down in two on the last to secure a halve and the morning belonged to Sussex who went in to Lunch 3 – 1 up.



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In the afternoon the singles got under way in cold miserable and wet conditions as the rain closed in for the afternoon. Matt led the way and was soon three up only to be going up seventeen one down but he dug deep to bring it back to level and then secured a very good point with a great tee shot to within five foot on the last, the fight back was on. The Captain battled hard and whilst not the longest off the tee certainly from within a hundred yards he was deadly with both the shot in and his putting, there was never anything between these two so a halve was a fair result. Darryl struggled against an inform opponent and ended up on the wrong side of a 4&3 score line. Kevin Garwood is becoming a very good player with some cracking shots played by both this match was good from the spectators point of view and Kevin secured the victory on seventeen. His morning partner was not messing around and Jon turned on the heat at the sixth and was soon four up and in no trouble apart from trying to keep his glasses clear as the rain beat down. Jon won 3&2 again cementing his first team status. Local lad Steve found the going tough and his young gun opponent was not going to make it easy for the home player to win a point and closed him out on sixteen. It was starting to get close and this match could go either way but it swung towards Dorset when Andrew chipped in on the sixteenth to go dormy two up he then parred the seventeenth for a 2 & 1 victory just leaving Tom to come home. Tom was three up after eleven but his opponent rallied birding twelve and thirteen to get it back to one. He then stuck his tee shot into the woods on the right at Fourteen but a remarkable escape from the trees and one putt secured an unlikely halve to leave Tom slightly shocked. Tom came up seventeen one up but a sudden rush of blood and three putts later it was all square as they stood on the eighteenth tee and so was the match, both players found the right hand side of the green with the pin some 35 feet away and with the Sussex boy chipping stone dead Tom had a putt to win the match, this came up some four feet short and there was some deep intakes of breath around the green. Tom though to his credit rammed home the putt to halve his game and for Dorset to make a stunning come back and halve the match. Iain Donnelly the Captain was very pleased with the efforts of his team along with Martyn Thompson the County Coach for turning round the morning score in what can only be described as appalling weather conditions.

Our thanks to the Captain and President of Ashley Wood GC who supported us throughout the day, also to all the members who allowed us to play there and all the staff who looked after both teams and officials.