

# **DORSET COUNTY GOLF UNION**

## **COLTS**

**MATCH:** DORSET v SUSSEX

**LOCATION** COPTHORNE GC **DATE** 26 AUGUST 2007

### **FOURSOMES**

1	Mike Evans		0	Oli Turnill	8&6	1
	Dan Clark			AJ Richardson		
2	Matt Hector		0	Chris Jess	1 up	1
	Jon Welch			Ashley Rees		
3	Rowan Smith		0	Harry Ruffles	3&2	1
	Lloyd Walton			Dan Casey		
4	Jon Putman		0	Ben Nash	5&4	1
	David King-Underwood			James Doswell		
RESULT				RESULT		4

### **SINGLES**

1	Mike Evans		0	Oli Turnill	5&4	1
2	Matt Hector		0	AJ Richardson	2 up	1
3	Dan Clark		0	Chris Jess	6&5	1
4	Jon Welch	3&2	1	Ashley Rees		0
5	Rowan Smith	2&1	1	James Doswell		0
6	Lloyd Walton		0	Harry Ruffles	4&3	1
7	David King-Underwood	4&3	1	Dan Casey		0
8	Jon Putman	2&1	1	Ben Nash		0
RESULT			4	RESULT		4

### **OVERALL RESULT**

RESULT	4	RESULT	8
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General

Arrangements for accommodation were fine and, fortuitously, Travel Inn had a reasonable restaurant and bar close by. Our more expensive dinner booked at the Hedgehog Inn was cancelled. The practice round started at 3pm after two medal competitions. The course was softish with relatively slow greens but in good condition after recent heavy rain. Dan Clark could not get free for a full practice round and Matt Hector was injured so walked the course instead. The meal was fine. Sleep, however, was savagely interrupted by a fire alarm requiring an hour's wait outside at 3am whilst the false alarm was investigated and corrected with the help of two appliances and a crew of 8. Breakfast at the club at 8am the next day was superb. The support from David Lock and Ian Hulse was much appreciated.

Match

We were fortunate in having a lovely dry day with a light wind. The foursomes were very disappointing. Mike and Dan could not get it together, nor could Jon and David at the back. However we were extremely unlucky to go one down with Matt and Jon Welch, and the Came Down partnership had been 2 up only to fall at the last fences. After another splendid meal and with some determination the team set off to make amends in the singles. Mike lost to an in-form Oli Turnhill who was 5 under after 10 holes! Matt struggled hard to go only 2 down. Dan crashed heavily and Lloyd succumbed to another in-form player. But four great scraps resulted in wins with the two Jons having to fight hard all the way and Rowan edging out another hot player. David cruised to a good 4&3 victory. Though losing 8:4 overall some consolation was evident in the excellent afternoon's effort. A dab of extra luck in the morning would have resulted in a stupendous half!

Summary

An encouraging result. Jon Putman proved himself in singles and he and Jon Welch might be considered for a chance at 1<sup>st</sup> team selection. Mike Evans, too, is knocking at the door! Rowan and Lloyd, usually a very sound foursomes pairing, are also for consideration. When David K-U controls his occasional hook he will be a formidable opponent - again he should be "on watch" in my view. I foresee only a couple of changes in the team for Surrey.

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