



Match Report

Dorset Golf Captains V Gloucester Golf Captains

4th July 2019 at Crane Valley Golf Club

Weather Report A brilliant sunny day with a cooling breeze.

Course Report First played in 1993 and never seen it in such good condition. Fairways well cut with good grass cover offering the ball up to be hit. Off fairways the fescue grass looked lovely but penal if you went in. The greens were good, and the course was a good test of golf. Credit to the green staff.

The Meal Chicken Supreme with new potatoes and selection of vegetables followed by a sweet of Eton Mess Cheesecake with fresh berries and Vanilla Ice Cream which was excellent and very well cooked and served by the catering staff.

Dorset		Gloucester	
Match 1 Bill Kent Captain 27 Dominic White 6	1	Match 1 Paul Drinkwater 12 Brendan Nunan 9	0
Match 2 Peter Foster 8 Brian Walsh 18	1	Match 2 Sam Collins 15 Mike Perrett 9	0
Match 3 Steve King 18 Ian Binnie 17	0	Match 3 Paul Mason 7 Tony Gough 7	1
Match 4 Peter Olivo 24 Bryan Howe 19	0	Match 4 Jim Ford 7 Robin Hannigan 16	1
Match 5 John Campbell 16 David Recardo 21	1	Match 5 Alan Robinson 15 Mark Anderson 10	0
Match 6 John Gower 16 Colin Huckle 36	0	Match 6 Ross Antonczyk 21 Phil Payne 12	1
Match 7 Tom Lane 27 Mike Lane 19	0	Match 7 David Soar 13 Rod Helps 8	1
Match 8 Ian Bakewell 23 Peter Commons 15	1/2	Match 8 Keith Ashenhurst 12 Clive Whitson 15	1/2

Result	Dorset 3 1/2	Gloucester 4 1/2
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Team 1

Dominic White is the 2019 Captain of Crane Valley and as we all know this is a busy year in ones life and Dom is doing fine. He is a solid golfer with a very sound game. At the first he drove off splendidly and just had a short pitch into the green. His driving was impeccable throughout the round. For once, I was able to contribute and did score on several holes even winning the 16th par 3 with a fine putt of some 30 ft to win the match 4 2. Paul, the Gloucester Captain was astounded and said he had his doubt when on the short par 3, 6th hole across the stream, I landed on the green, scored a 3 net 2 which was enough to win the hole and stated that in every round I had at least one decent golf shot. A few holes later he told me I had had more than one! We had a good game and .Paul and Brendan were good golfers and very gpod company. Regrettably, no photo as for some reason they did not turn out. I goofed with my camera.

Team 2

Peter Foster and Brian Walsh had a great game with Sam and Mike who were delightful company and some good golf was played by both pairs and a birdie 2 on the 6th hole by Brian put us into a lead which we managed o maintain. On approaching the green Brian thought his ball was a marker as it was only 3foot from the flag. Great company and a good game was enjoyed by all.



Brian Walsh, Sam Collins, Peter Foster and Mike Perrett

Team 3

Ian Binnie, Canford School playing his first match for the Dorset Golf Captains enjoyed his game with Steve King. Their opponents, Paul Mason and Tony Gough were good company with Tony stating that he had not played Crane Valley before despite him having some bounces,

kicks and rolls which belied that fact. All went well and we were 1 down on the 17th and on the 18th Steve had a shot and when he parred it, I thought we would have a win and half the match. It was not to be, Paul was some 4 ft from the pin and drained the putt down the hole to half the hole and we therefore lost the match by a hole. Somewhat peeved but good company and it was just not our day! Ian, I have not forgotten to give you your tie.

Team 4

Peter Olivo was a late replacement for Peter Brickle who had broken an ankle. Peter and Bryan had a good game against Jim Ford, Gloucester's match manager and Robin Hannigan which both pairs enjoyed but Jim and his partner were too strong and won the match on the 17th hole.

Team 5

John Campbell and David Recardo gelled well together and in John's eyes, David was a GENIE!! He nearly holed out at the first par 3, chipped the ball dead at the 10th and putted like God the whole round. John and David made a great team together. Alan, President of Gloucester Captains and his partner Mark were excellent company, but we were PURPLE!!



Mark Anderson, John Campbell, Alan Robinson David Recardo

Team 6

John Gower and Colin Huckle had a good game of golf against Ross and Phil who ran out the winners on the 17th hole. A close match played in the right spirit.



Phil Payne, Colin Huckle, Ross Antonczyk and John Gower

Team 7

Tom and Mike Lane not related but teamed together for the day played David and Rod both low handicappers compared to the Lanes. Despite this it was a good game and most enjoyable in good company. David and Rod turned out the victors and deserved their win.



Rod Helps, Tom Lane, David Soar and Mike Lane

Team 8

Peter Commons and Ian Bakewell had a tussle with Clive and Keith right up to the 18th hole and the match ended in a draw. Good play by both pairs and a most enjoyable afternoons golf. Well done to all players.



Peter Commons, Keith Ashenhurst, Ian Bakewell and Clive Whitsun

Bill welcomed Gloucester to Dorset and Crane Valley in particular. It was nice to see them so healthy and smiling.

Bill thanked Crane Valley for hosting the match and looking after us so well. The course was in excellent condition, the fairways good, the greens the best I had seen at Crane and the hospitality shown and service received first class. A Big thank you to the Club, its members and staff in all departments, Greens staff, Bar, Catering and Pro shop. Dominic White was a credit as Captain and had done much to make the match and venue a success.

It was pleasing that we had chosen a course which gave a good test of golf. He wished them a good journey home and we looked forward to journeying to Gloucester in 2020 and challenging you at golf on your home turf.

2 ties were presented to John Gower and Dominic White on Joining the Dorset Golf Captains.

We then raised a toast to the Gloucester Captains.

Paul responded by thanking all concerned for a good day's golf and was delighted to announce the result which was a win for Gloucester - Just. A toast was proposed for the Dorset Captains and the day was done and over. A close match played in the right spirit.

We look forward to our match in 2020

Bill Kent Captain