



SCRATCH TEAM REPORT

26th APRIL 2014

Hi Moortown's very own Barmy Army,

Ok, that didn't go to plan. A long weekend of golf, an introduction of 'ex juniors' into the Senior Scratch team competitions and how you all played was fantastic, you did yourselves very proud. Guys, you were fantastic, this is the start of your young golfing careers and by the looks of it they will be exciting futures at Moortown.

The teams for this first leg are:

1. Leeds & District Foursomes Team champs

- a. **The team:** Tom Gray & Matthew East (first round substitutions for Rob Treweek & Simon Stephens)
- b. **Venue:** against Mid Yorkshire @ Oulton Hall
- c. **Date of match:** Friday 25th April
- d. **Tee Time:** 5:20pm (no other time available!)
- e. **Result:** Lost on the 17th in near total darkness
- f. **What happened?** Tom and Matt played fantastic golf and lead their opponents for the first 12 holes despite it raining 99.9% of the time. They played a scratch and a 2 handicap player who got lucky on a number of occasions and that is all it came down to in the end. Finishing on the 17th for their first attempt as Moortown Scratch players is a herculean effort on both their parts. They both showed great maturity and gentlemanly conduct throughout the evening. The golf standard was top notch and I'd instantly play them again, they really did do Moortown proud despite the outcome.
- g. **Who was there?** Tom Gray's Dad caddied for his son and I spectated and paved the way forward by clearing the golfers ahead otherwise we wouldn't have finished.

2. L&D Team Knock Out Champs

- a. **The team:** 1) Tom Noble 2) Paddy Noble 3) Marcus Shepherd
- b. **Venue:** against Woolley Park @ Woolley Park
- c. **Date of match:** Saturday 26th April
- d. **Tee Time:** 12 noon
- e. **Result:** Tom & Paddy lost and Marcus shook hands to a half.
- f. **What happened?** Tom was up against it with an inform #1 player from Woolley Park, the harder Tom tried the better their guy got, he gave absolutely nothing to Tom and was finally the victor fair and square. Paddy played some really super golf once he got going in the early stages. I thought he was going to get the measure of his opponent on a number of occasions when they both traded birdie after birdie, it was always only 1 or 2 holes in it out any one time. Finally Paddy ran out of holes and with only a couple of holes left it was over. Marcus played some astonishing golf, some of his chipping was straight out of the Seve Ballesteros handbook of the impossible. Marcus was getting back to level (all square) with only two to play when the match was declared a half with Woolley Park going through to round 2 in the knockout.
- g. **Who was there?** Marcus Shepherd's Dad caddied for his son and I spectated.

3. Yorkshire Foursomes Team Champs

- a. **The team:** Andy Jones & Pete Owens
- b. **Venue:** against Low Laithes @ Sandmoor
- c. **Date of match:** Sunday 27th April

- d. **Tee Time:** 3:30pm
- e. **Result:** Andy & Pete went to the 19th and lost
- f. **What happened?** Andy coming fresh off a 2nd placing in the 36 hole Yorkshire order of merit championship 'Hawksworth Trophy' yesterday. A very impressive result from a very good player. This is going to be a good year for Andy, no doubt about it. Tonight (Sunday evening) however saw an out of form Pete who didn't help that much this evening. Andy, who is/was battling a stomach bug played some lovely golf but together we couldn't really get it going. Having said that, we did manage to lose on the extra hole after finishing all square after 18. It was a game we should have won under normal circumstances and it was finally gifted to Low Laithes who were a bit astonished with the win.
- g. **Who was there?** John 'Meerkat' Lane, (Meerkats like big sandy mounds), popped out from Meerkat Manor and scampered over to Sandmoor and caddied for myself. Bill 'Mountain Goat' Mutch caddied for Andy and our very own Captain Titanic spectated by walking round with us for company as we slowly sank to defeat. Thank you guys your help was very much appreciated, I'm just sorry we couldn't pay you back with some scintillating golf.

4. L&D MNL Scratch Team 1st match

- a. **The team:** 1) Andy Jones, 2) David Robertson 3) Paul Shires
- b. **Venue:** Moortown v Moor Allerton @ Moortown
- c. **When:** Monday 28th April
- d. **Tee Time:** 5pm
- e. **Caddies:** See booking sheet in Men's & Women's locker rooms

Regards,
Pete Owens
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