



**Hampshire U16 League Match One versus Sussex & Kent
Haywards Heath Golf Club
21st May 2023**

MATCH SUMMARY

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Our U16 League campaign got underway at Haywards Heath Golf Club versus Kent and Surrey.

Leading the team out rested on the shoulders our youngest player Albie Beeston. After what looked like a 1-foot putt to me (although Albie reckons 4 feet ☺) was missed by Albie on the par 3 17th, I was intrigued to see how Albie dealt with the situation. Answer. Bomb your drive 300 yards down the middle, hit your approach to 15 feet (we both agreed on this distance) and roll the putt in to secure victory versus Sussex and halve his match versus Kent. A very mature performance Albie, well done!

The combination of a disobedient driver, narrow fairways and opponents on the top of their games, left victory for Mark Matthews in match 2 out of reach. Up next Cpt Tom Conquest exuded confidence throughout the day. His 2nd shot into the par 5 8th hole, a raking overdraw around the trees akin to Bubba Watson effort at the 2012 masters summed up his performance. Well done on picking up maximum points 2 weekends on the trot Tom.

Daniel Parkin, last weekends Romsey Junior Open winner continued his superb form, seeing off his Kent opponent on 16, and a birdie on 17 versus Sussex, set up, yet another grandstand 18th hole finish. Unfortunately, an unlucky bounce off the rock-hard fringe of the 18th green, saw his approach make its way into an unplayable position. Not the double win you wanted Dan, but an amazing performance none the less.

In the middle of the 18th fairway, 60 yards out, Alexander Estridge was in the perfect spot to stick his approach close, make birdie to add to our points tally. Unfortunately, his Kent opponent had other ideas..... A slam-dunked approach from 100 yards for eagle cruelly snatched away the opportunity.

Sebastian Wells had the added pressure of his Danish Grandad watching him play for the first time and boy did he rise to the occasion. An epic display of driving accuracy and stiffed approaches set up birdie after birdie. His opponents fought hard but ultimately had to relent before they reached the 18th Tee. A superb performance Sebastian, well done on picking up maximum team points.

Connor Babington had obviously read about the 18th green heroics from last weekends under 18s league match and thought to himself, "I fancy a bit of that". After seeing off his Kent opponent on hole 16, Connor shared the spoils on 17 with his Sussex opponent to remain 1 down going up 18. With his opponent making par, Connor faced a must make a 20-foot birdie putt (Much harder than Tom's last weekend ☺) to pick up the half. Did he make it? ...The photo on the closing comments section will provide the answer.

Oliver Smith's regulation par on 18, although not as dramatic, picked up the same number of points for team, rounding off a solid performance. Shot of the day, a 50-foot birdie putt on the par 3 9th.

In summary I want to take a moment to acknowledge and celebrate the amazing team spirit we've been seeing lately. Your support for each other, both on and off the course, is truly inspiring. I truly believe that with this kind of camaraderie coupled with continued hard work, we can achieve great things together. Let's keep pushing each other to be our best selves and work towards our goals as a unit.

A special thanks to the players who continue to support County events during a busy exam period. We know it is not easy juggling both, but it will stand you in good stead, especially those of you who aspire to attend universities in America.

MATCH RESULT

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Match	Hampshire	Hcp	Hants Result	Points		Kent	Hcp	Kent Result	Points		Sussex	Hcp	Sussex Result	Points			
				Hants	Kent				Kent	Sussex				Sussex	Hants		
1	Albie Beeston	0.9	AS	0.5	0.5	Louis Zagrean			1	0	Archie Shakespeare	+0.7	1D	0	1		
2	Mark Matthews	1.6	4&3	0	1	Luca Alderson			0	1	Matt Vern	0.0	6&5	1	0		
3	Thomas Conquest (Cpt)	2.2	3&1	1	0	Tom Chapman			0	1	George Shakespeare	0.9	3&2	0	1		
4	Daniel Parkin	2.8	3&2	1	0	Daniel Dowie			0	1	Toby Morrall	1.1	2Up	1	0		
5	Alex Estridge	4.4	2D	0	1	Scott Antoun			1	0	Max Martin	2.8	3&2	1	0		
6	Sebastian Wells	4.9	4&3	1	0	Adam Woods			0	1	Thady White	3.0	4&2	0	1		
7	Connor Babington	5.1	4&2	1	0	Erik Groth			0	1	George Gilgenkrantz	3.2	AS	0.5	0.5		
8	Oliver Smith	5.2	AS	0.5	0.5	Patrick Chenu			0	1	Dylan Lingard	3.5	3&2	1	0		
Total Points				5	3	Total Points				2	6	Total Points				4.5	3.5

On The Day League Points

Hampshire	2
Kent	0
Sussex	4

HAMPSHIRE MATCH DAY PHOTOS

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HAMPSHIRE MATCH DAY CLOSING COMMENTS

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This photo truly captures the essence of our great team spirit.
Keep up the amazing work guys.
#teamspirit#friendlyvibes
David, Wendy, Kev F, Kev S, Charles & Matt.

