

Warwickshire vs Oxfordshire at Stratford upon Avon Golf Club

The 12th July dawned hot and sunny following a spell of dry weather. As we warmed up for our games it seemed that the weather was about to break but all that came was literally just a sprinkle. The fairways looked like they needed a good downpour and all afternoon the clouds tried time and time again to deliver but they only provided a few sporadic sprinkles.

Stratford President Francis Prentice – one of our eminent members but not able to play on the day – welcomed the visitors at lunch and gave us a brief history of the club.

The visitors admired the course as they played. Some commented that it was nice to play on a fairly flat terrain after the hills on which they were used to playing. All were impressed by the greens which were a bit faster than most were used to and the gentle undulations fooled many a putt into sliding just past the hole. “If only” was a commonly used expression.

The level terrain – perhaps aided by the short grass between the trees lining the fairways – enabled the 8 games to proceed at a good pace with the result that we were able to request an earlier dinner to be served than the original plan had expected.

Stratford Captain David Chesney was also not able to play with us on the day but was able to join us just before the meal to add his welcome to that of the President.

Mike Edwards led the assembled golfers in the Loyal Toast following the delicious meal. He welcomed the visitors and thanked Stratford Golf Club for looking after us so well. Oxfordshire Captain Rob Daniels thanked the Warwickshire team for their hospitality and added his praise for the course and the catering before delivering the result of the match

Just as the terrain was fairly level so too, it seemed, were the games but, sadly for Warwickshire, the Rob Daniels was able to announce that the balance had fallen in favour of his team and Oxfordshire had triumphed with a 5 to 3 victory.

Game 1 : Andrew Quinn and Oxfordshire Captain Rob Daniels with Warwickshire Captain Mike Edwards and Rod Williams



Game 2 : Oxfordshire pair Peter Walton and Mark Greenwood with Ron Saywell and Alan Griffiths



Game 3 : David Middleton and John Savage flanked by visitors Graham Henley and Tim Nunneley



Game 4 : Ian Phipps and David Chamley went boy girl boy girl with Roger Mawle and Robert Branch



Game 5 : Jez Williams and JJ Pritchard interspersed with Ray Shaw and Bill White shared a laugh before the serious business began



Game 6 : Mimicking the Monty Python sketch? Gordon Williamson looked up to Graham Fullagar ... Nigel Metcalfe ... Bob Bannister



Game 7 : Warwickshire pair Barry Hallam and Doug Rawkins flanked Philip Mosley and Richard Green



Game 8 : Mark Butler, Stuart Dobbs, Paul Dandridge and Tony Ranger

