



County 1st Team Match Report

C&P v Monmouthshire

Sunday 16th June at Haverfordwest GC.



L-R Elspeth Owen (Haverfordwest), Sophie Anderson & Lucy Davies (Ashburnham), Ffion Evans (Newport Links), Dwynwen Holgate (Cardigan), Sarah Phillips (Derllys Court), Kasumi Tran & Nel Allen (Tenby), Nicky Reeves (C) (Haverfordwest).

After the awful weather we have been experiencing it was a delight to welcome Monmouthshire to Haverfordwest GC on a bright sunny, breezy day.

We knew we had a tough task ahead when our combined handicaps were 28.2 against Monmouthshire's 5.1.

The morning foursomes saw Sophie Anderson and Lucy Davies, Ashburnham colleagues, against Lauren Hillier (Ex Professional) and Jess Atwell. Our pair played lovely golf but lost 3 and 2 despite being one under gross at the end of the match, a valiant effort. The second pairing of home player Elspeth Owen and ex Welsh International Ffion Evans got off to a shaky start against Jess Evans and Alicia Kelly being 6 down after 7. However they settled into the game but were unable to reduce the deficit eventually losing 4 & 3, but never giving up. Our last pairing of Dwynwen

Holgate and Kasumi Tran, currently home on holiday from her golf scholarship in New Jersey, always looked like winning their match. Great golf by both the girls resulting in our first win of the day by 4 & 2.

The afternoon singles were led by Lauren Hillier against Lucy Davies, and although suffering a defeat, Lucy never let her body language show signs of losing and was a credit to the team. Next out was Kasumi Tran against Jess Atwell. Kasumi continued her immaculate golf, her swing is a joy to watch. She secured a well deserved 5 & 4 win. An off form Ffion Evans lost to Alicia Kelly. Dwynwen Holgate made a valiant effort coming back from 3 down to one down but eventually losing on the 17th. Sarah Phillips suffered a defeat by Danielle Cobby. Els Owen was one up against Jess Evans going down the 17th. Els lost the hole after her approach shot went off the back of the green. Both players hit great drives up 18th. Jess put her 2nd shot in the greenside bunker and Els hit the green. Jess was able to take a drop as the bunker was out of play and chipped to 3 inches. Els then had a 10 foot putt for birdie to win the match which she holed much to the delight of all the home spectators.

All the matches were played in a great spirit and with great sportsmanship. All supporters were rewarded with some excellent golf.

I would like to thank Rhian Walters, Cath Jones, Kay Evans and Christine Phillips for their support on the day and to all other committee members and C&P members who sent their best wishes to the team.

My thanks also to Club Captain, Alex Jones and Ladies' Captain, Jacky Jones for acting as starters for the day. The Haverfordwest GC Greenstaff, although the greens were not up to their usual standard for the time of year (due to the terrible weather conditions we have experienced) the rest of the course was turned out very well. To outside caterer, Helen, for looking after us so well with the help of Stessy. To Nel Allen from Tenby who did not get to play but supported her team mates all day. And last but not least to all the support from club members some of whom have never seen amateur golf at this level and were very impressed.

Our next match is a 2nd Team match against Glamorgan at Pontardawe on Monday 8th July.