



## County 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Match Report

C&P v Glamorgan

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July at Pontardawe GC.



L-R Heather Morgan, President (Tenby), Celyn Griffiths (Glyn Abbey), Janet Jones (Derllys Court), Sarah Phillips (Derllys Court), Alison Daniel (Tenby), Wendy Edwards (Ashburnham), Rhian Walters, Vice Captain (Tenby), Nicky Reeves, Captain (Haverfordwest).

On arrival at Pontardawe it looked like it was going to be a tough match as Glamorgan were fielding a young strong team although we had the upper hand with an experienced side. The weather was overcast but dry with promise of rain arriving in the afternoon.

Celyn and Wendy led the way in the morning foursomes and although played some good golf were beaten soundly 6&5 which doesn't truly reflect the standard of golf by our pairing. Tenby teammates Alison and Rhian were out second and played solid golf to take our first win of the day by 4&3. Alison commented "If only we could putt we'd be awesome!" Derllys teammates Sarah and Janet won their match convincingly 5&4 making the morning score C&P 2 Glamorgan 1. Just the start we needed.

It's very difficult trying to spend as much time as possible watching all players. Being on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee watching the players start the afternoon singles takes up 45 minutes. Then you rush off to try and find your first player on the 6<sup>th</sup> only to find

Celyn and her opponent already on the 8<sup>th</sup> hole!! Having lost her morning match Celyn was determined to bring home a point and was down 4 up and secured her win on 17<sup>th</sup> winning 2&1 playing some lovely golf along the way.

Sarah played some steady golf as usual and holed a great putt on the 12<sup>th</sup> to take her back to one down. She put up a good fight but finally lost her match 2 down.

Next was Alison who was 4 down after 4 holes. Much to her delight she halved the 5<sup>th</sup> to stop the rot. Catching up with her on the 17<sup>th</sup> she had reduced the deficit to one and played a magnificent shot over trees in the middle of the fairway (after discussion with her caddy Heather!!) to land exactly pin high on the green winning her the hole. All square playing the 18<sup>th</sup> she and her partner both just missed the green, chipped on and agreed on an honourable half.

Wendy played some lovely steady golf and was 5 up after 5 and never looked like doing anything but winning. It only took her to the 12<sup>th</sup> hole to win her match convincingly 7&6.

Janet was drawn against Mia whom she and Sarah had beaten in the morning. Janet came through the 5<sup>th</sup> one down and commented that Mia had discovered her putting stroke which had failed her in the morning. Janet put up a good fight but eventually lost 4&3.

A self-confessed off form Rhian already had one point under her belt from the morning foursomes. She commented that she was playing better than she had for several weeks. She continued to play some really lovely solid golf in the afternoon and dispatched her opponent 5&4.

The team and supporters alike were absolutely delighted to see the final result as a win for Carmarthenshire & Pembrokeshire 5.5 to 3.5. Spirits were high as we went in for a very well deserved and delicious meal.

The course was in lovely condition and we managed to get in before the rain started.

I would like give the team my huge thanks for a great win and for their grit and determination.

My thanks also to Heather Morgan and David of course, for their unwavering support of the team. Thanks also to my buggy companion Cathryn Thomas who steered me round the course and was a great support during the day.

Last but not least to Cath Jones who turned up with the flag despite having had to chase some loose cows earlier in the morning!!

My thanks also to all the Committee for their continued support and to Olivia Martin for all the social media coverage before and after the match.

Nicky Reeves.