

## Tamar Cup first round vs Exminster at Boringdon Park.

On paper this was always going to be a tough opening match against last year's runners up, on a course that despite us managing a practise round in very similar conditions, was still fairly unfamiliar to our team.

The format on the day was two singles and a foursomes match, however both teams took 5 players along to provide the wider squad with competition experience playing a reserve match at the back of the field.

All the matches started well, and the players handled their first tee nerves, all managing to navigate the initial hazard of the large lake in front of them to safely find dry ground on the other side.

In the first singles match Liam took an early one-shot lead and held onto this until the 7th hole. His opponent managed to pull a couple back, and it was like this for most of the round, each playing some steady golf and there never being more than a shot or two in it.

Jack won a number of holes very early on due to playing some superb golf and went on to win his match 6&5.

Daisy and Quinn played foursomes and, having to give 7 shots found it quite tough. Despite playing some very good golf they lost 6&4.

Henry played the reserve match, and what a challenge he had ahead of him, giving 19 shots. Despite playing well Henry lost 6&5.



With the match finely balanced with a point a piece, there was a tense and exciting conclusion with the overall result resting on the outcome of the first match between the two Captains. Liam now having to dig deep being 2 down with 3 to play and knowing only a win would take the team through, saw him winning the 16th and 17th (both par 5's) and taking it to all square going down the 18th. Again, with water being a big factor, they both managed to navigate this and find the green in regulation. It

then came down to who could handle their putting nerves. Liam left his first putt 5 feet short, and his opponent had just a tap in for a par. Liam then sank his 5-foot downhill putt to stay in the match.

So, onto the 19th hole they go, both managing to steer clear of the water, Liam was safely just off the fairway, but his opponents ball landed in the bunker. This swung the momentum in Liam's favour as he calmly pitched his shot safely onto the top tier of the green and his opponent now being a shot behind. Liam two-putted to close out a victory in front of both sets of players and spectators. This win sees them going through to the next round which is against Stover, venue and dates to be confirmed.

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