

Match V Derbyshire – Burton-on-Trent GC Tuesday 9th September 2025

Norfolk's team of sixteen took on the gentlemen of Derbyshire at Burton-on-Trent GC. What a great course and to help the weather was p[er]fect.

Coffee and bacon rolls were served and Derbyshire's Captain, Richard Smith was introduced to the assembled by Mike Gaunt the Derbyshire Secretary. The teams were introduced by the two Secretaries.

The course was in super condition, the greens played true, and the Norfolk team all enjoyed the challenging layout. Good views are afforded in some spots, of the Burton countryside although the views from trees are not as pleasant!!

With the exception of yours truly's match, most games were close, but Norfolk had to concede defeat the first since 2021. The result was 5-3

An excellent Hunters Chicken meal with Apple pie fed us ready for the long trip home.

Speeches by Richard Smith the Derbyshire Captain and Nigel Elmar the NGC Vice Captain all commented on the great spirit this match was played in. Richard made reference to local beer brewing and thanked the secretaries for their work in arranging the event and teams. Nigel mentioned the entertaining game they had enjoyed and thanked his partner, Bill Boniface. He went on to thank the greens staff and caterers as well as the directors of BOT GC. He did bemoan the fact that he was called Graham all the way round the course – in jest of course.

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