

Match V Derbyshire – Burton-on-Trent GC
Tuesday 15th September 2026

Norfolk's final county fixture of 2026 actual saw sixteen NGC players take on 14 from Derbyshire and two NGC players standing in for the away team. The course has recovered very well from the scorching summer and the weather was perfect for the match.

Coffee and bacon rolls were served, and Derbyshire's Captain, Bill Hibbert and Norfolk's Pat Holman (Match Manager) did the introductions. Playing for Derbyshire were a very dubious pair of Gary Goodchild and Paul Filby.

The Derbyshire lads all enjoyed the course and facilities; many matches were very close. The Norfolk V Norfolk/Derbyshire match was won 1 up by the 'stand ins', which was kind of good result as the Norfolk team still triumphed 4½-3½, to bring the Shield back to Norfolk.

A very nice Steak pie and chips, followed by Apple Crumble saw players departing well fed.

Speeches by Nigel Elmar the NGC Captain and Bill Hibbert both commented on the great spirit this match was played in. Bill thanked the greens staff and caterers. He also thanked the members of both teams for making sure these matches remain a fixture for two great associations.

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