

Garry Campbell's Super Senior Rams Pennant Report

Monday 9th September 2019

Played Kareela at Port Kembla



On Monday we again travelled down to the Illawarra. We were drawn to play Kareela at Port Kembla. The weather report was predicting rain and high winds. All this with a game on the line we knew we had to not just win but win well.

Peter Legge returned to lead the Garry Campbell Super Senior Rams out in this must win big scenario at Number Eight. Peter struck the ball well and worked his way around the course extremely well to record a strong 7/5 win in the tricky conditions.

Brian Thorn played at Number Seven and played under the wind very well to record a 5/4 win. There were a couple of streaky shots but every time he just gritted his teeth and knuckled down to play great golf in the wind. His opponent was certainly impressed and commented upon how terrific Brian's swing is for such a young Ram.

Wayne Shaw again loved the challenge of scratch golf match play and displayed how well he is settling into being a Senior Ram with a terrific 6/4 win. Wayne again displayed great touch with his irons into the very tricky Port Kembla greens.

Bernard Allport drove the ball beautifully off the tee all day to smother his opponent before the Kareela player could find a way to win any hole. This was a very good display in the wind which led to a strong 5/4 win.

Kenneth Bellman showed just what a strong team player he is on the tricky Port Kembla layout. Kenneth had some fun moments in the wind but played some amazing shots to nail his opponent 6/5. A great display off the tee and on the greens which had some interesting set ups.

Steven O'Donnell slotted straight back in at Number Three and was probably our best ball striker in such cold and windy conditions. It didn't even look as if Steven had been away such was the quality of his work off the tee and the fairway. He also handled the slicker Port Kembla greens very well.

Joseph Smuk revelled in the windy conditions showing just what a quality golfer our Super Senior Number Two Ram is! Hit fairways, hit greens and putted like a true Ram. His opponent complained that Joseph didn't make a mistake all day. This was our best win of the day - 8/6 at Number Two. What an achievement!

The entire side then banded together to try and will Neville Hoskin home at Number One. Neville is having a great season. Playing wonderful golf in every game and leading from the front against the best golfer in every other side. Neville eventually lost 1 down. While he had the better of his opponent off the tee and the fairway his opponent had the better luck on some quite tricky greens. Some of the pin placements on a windy day were very hard to understand. However, as a team we were all Super impressed with Neville's determination and his efforts to try and snatch his match back.

Overall, a great team win, which sets us up for the next two rounds. If the team wins the next two rounds they will progress through to the play-offs.

This week's results:

- Neville Hoskin Lost 1 down
- Joseph Smuk Won 8/6
- Steven O'Donnell Won 7/5
- Kenneth Bellman Won 6/5
- Bernard Allport Won 5/4
- Wayne Shaw Won 6/5
- Brian Thorn Won 5/4
- Peter Legge Won 7/5

Overall result Camden 7 defeated Kareela 1

Yours in golf,
Neville Smith
Assistant Manager