



Bolton Golf Association

BGA vs The Rest of Lancashire

Pre-Season Friendly (Bye Annual)

At Dunscar Golf Club on Sunday 14th April 2013

Match Result

The Bolton Golf Association were up against the odds against a strong Rest of Lancashire side last Sunday when the visitors prevailed 8 – 4 in the bye-annual pre-season friendly played at Dunscar Golf Club.

But the Bolton team gave a feisty display in blustery conditions with young Ian Stirling (Harwood) giving a superb performance, aided by his partner and elder brother Anthony, winning their morning foursomes to put the first point on the board for the BGA when they toppled reigning Lancashire Champion Mark Young and partner Michael Hunt, by a single hole victory.

However, three narrow defeats left Bolton 3 – 1 down at the conclusion of the morning foursomes and the signs were ominous when Young set Lancashire off in the singles beating Anthony Stirling (Harwood) 3 & 2 followed by a Michael Hunt victory which left Steve Bryan (Old Links) 7 & 5 down.

Once again, Ian Stirling came to the rescue with another one-hole victory over the former 2010 & 2012 Lancashire Champion John Carroll. Boyed up by this victory, it was the turn of the Dunscar's 2013 Club Captain – Adam Whalley - who was making his first BGA appearance for many years, and went on to produce four birdies on his way to despatch Adam Stone 4 & 2 to level the score.

But in the end, it was Lancashire who took the honours following three consecutive victories over Bolton though a spirited performance by Rob Taylor (Bolton) in the final game, when he managed to claim a point by another one-hole victory over Paul Kinnear the Lancashire and England prodigy.

The BGA and Lancashire Officials were both pleased with their team's performances with Lancs gaining victory and a good pre-season work-out whilst the BGA gave a good showing against the strength in depth of their opposition.