OLD ALDENHAMIAN GOLFING SOCIETY
HALFORD HEWITT 2016

Thursday 7th April 2016 (1st Round)
OAGS v Canford at Royal Cinque Ports, Deal

Thursday dawned bright but with the threat of rain to come later. A fresh breeze wiped away any lingering memories of the previous evening's festivities and a hearty breakfast set up our team of 10 carefully selected OA athletes.

The finely tuned duo of Guy Green (SHO1971-73) and Steve Lewis (B1970-75) led the charge and they were soon 2 up. Rob Alter (B1988-91) and David Rawlinson (B1988-93) also moved ahead well, as did the impressive new pairing of Will Kirby (L2006-11) and Matt Lench (L2006-11), the latter having risen from his sick bed the day before to join us. Ben Thrussell (B1989-94) and Dan Andrews (B2000-07) started tentatively but got back to all square at the 12th whilst Shon Williams (M1975-80) and Adam Thrussell (B1992-97) were 2 down. However, with 3 pairs at least 2 up, the outlook was promising but as often happens in foursomes, games can quickly turn.

Canford struck back over the second 9 holes and although Alter and Rawlinson won comfortably, our first and third pairs could not hang on so two more wins were needed. Williams and Thrussell played some excellent golf to get back to all square and then powered their way to an impressive 2&1 victory. Kirby and Lench were being put under severe pressure and as often happens in golf, the putts won't drop when you need them and they teed off at the 18th hole all square. After a tense 15 minutes, Canford made the green in 3 with a short putt for par. We could not match it and the hole and the match went to Canford.

It was a really close match and it just wouldn't go our way – how many times have we said that? However, the players gave their all and made the 15 OA supporters extremely proud. Our sorrows were soothed by a serious lunch in the clubhouse which I am told included a couple of glasses of wine. Here's to 2017!

Result:	Lost 2 – 3		
Team:	G Green & SC Lewis	Lost	3&2
	RA Alter & DM Rawlinson	Won	5&4
	BP Thrussell & D Andrews	Lost	3&2
	W Kirby & M Lench	Lost	1 down
	AJ Thrussell & SGO Williams	Won	2&1

<u>Halford Hewitt Plate</u>

Friday, 8th April (1st Round)
OAGS v Merchiston at Princes, Sandwich

Result:	Lost 1 – 2	
Team:	BP Thrussell & W Kirby	Lost
	D Andrews & SC Lewis	Won
	AJ Thrussell & DM Rawlinson	Lost

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