

OLD ALDENHAMIAN GOLFING SOCIETY HALFORD HEWITT 2018

Thursday 5th April 2018 (1st Round) v Berkhamsted at Royal Cinque Ports, Deal

Result:	Lost 1½ - 3½	
Team:	JT Surrige & SMR Kendall	Won
	WJ Kirby & DM Andrews	Halved
	BP Thrussell & JNB Wells	Lost
	JMB Clemow & OE Baker	Lost
	SGO Williams & AJ Thrussell	Lost

This year, we were again drawn against Berkhamsted, our arch Hertfordshire rivals. Despite being without Rob Alter, David Rawlinson, Joel Bloomfield and Jon Stott, we still had an impressive team with two new members. Oli Baker, who only recently left Aldenham, is a talented golfer and we also welcomed Stephen Kendall who left school a little earlier than Oli but is also a great golfer and won his first ever match in the Halford Hewitt. A big welcome to them and to Jason Clemow, Jamie Wells and Nick Corbett who re-joined the squad after a few years' absence.

James Surrige and Stephen Kendall had a comfortable win but our 3rd and 4th pairs came up against some stern opposition and eventually had to accept a negative win. Our 5th pair, Shon Williams and Adam Thrussell, were 3 up after 9 holes and were odds on favourites for a win so it seemed that overall victory would depend on the outcome of a superb match involving our 2nd pair, Dan Andrews and Will Kirby. It was extremely close with Berkhamsted going 1 up and Aldenham then getting it back to all square with some fantastic golf, particularly at the 14th and 17th holes. All the OA spectators (including OAGS President Ian Wilson-Soppitt and OAS President, James James-Crook) watched Dan and Will halve the 18th and 19th holes. However, after driving from the 20th tee, news began to come in that Shon and Adam had not been able to hold on to their lead and, as so often happens in golf, the pendulum had swung and they lost at the 17th. So once again, Berkhamsted just managed to beat us but we certainly gave them a real fright. Next time, I feel sure we will get our revenge!

Friday 6th April 2017 (Plate 1st Round) - OAGS v Felsted at Princes, Sandwich

Result:	Lost ½ - 2½	
Team:	JT Surrige & NJM Corbett	Lost
	DM Andrews & O Baker	Halved
	SGO Williams & AJ Thrussell	Lost

It is always difficult having to pick oneself up from the disappointment of the previous day's defeat. We came up against a good Felsted side in the 1st round of the Plate - they reached the quarter finals and were knocked out by Edinburgh Accies.

Well done everyone, Aldenham was well represented.

Ian Eggleton
Hon Secretary

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