



St. Bees School Golf Academy

MATCH: St. Bees School V The Grange School

DATE: 16/10/2011

VENUE: Windermere Golf Club

FORMAT: Singles Matchplay (18 Holes)

RESULT

ST. BEES SCHOOL			THE GRANGE SCHOOL		
PLAYER	SCORE	POINTS	POINTS	SCORE	PLAYER
SAM THOMAS	1 UP	1	0		PLAYER 1
WILL FENNELL	2 & 1	1	0		PLAYER 2
MORITZ WIETLISBACH	6 & 4	1	0		PLAYER 3
TOTAL		3	0	TOTAL	

REPORT

The team from St Bees arrived at Windermere full of confidence following their victory in the last round against a solid Ampleforth team. It was an overcast day and the players from both teams arrived on the first tee excited but apprehensive about the round ahead, considering no one had previously played on the attractive fells of Windermere.

Sam Thomas kick started the day getting into a comfortable lead 3UP through nine holes, though it wasn't as comfortable as it could have been. Finding trouble on the 14th (a small par 3 with an elevated green) and discovering that his ball was plugged off the fairway, a slightly bewildered Sam pulled off a surprising up and down to salvage a half. With two holes left to play and realising that he was trailing by a point, Sam dug in deep to overcome a difficult task and won 1 UP.

Setting off with an impressive putt on the first, Will Fennell dominated the first part of his game leading 4 UP after 6 holes. Despite faltering towards the end of the first nine, he remained an ever contesting force with a strong drive from the tee. Finding his feet quickly, Will managed to keep his opponent at bay who although she lost battled hard to the end.

Moritz Wietlisbach, a young student from Switzerland, repeated his heroics from the last round winning 6 & 4. Moritz acknowledged he had hit top form and that the professional training programme he is undertaking at St Bees is now beginning to pay off.

On paper it seemed the likely result would have been in favour of The Grange, a school from Cheshire. With two of their players playing off single handicaps and the best player from St Bees playing off a handicap of 16 this was going to take some performance to reach the quarter finals. Nevertheless, with Windermere proving to be a tricky challenge and the boys from St Bees showing their capability of playing to a much higher standard than their handicaps suggest, St Bees ran out worthy winners.