

Match Report for HALFORD HEWITT 7 - 2016

Round 1 Merchiston v Cranleigh 7 April 2016

Note: Cranleigh were losing quarter-finalists to Watson's 2-3 last year

At Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club, Deal		At 9th
Martin Stein/Jamie McIntosh	3/2	2 up
Chris Cowan/Dougie Cowan	L 2/1	1 d
Charlie Simpson/John McKean	L 2d	2 d
Harry Thomson/Michael Rolland	L 5/4	3 d
Chris Smith/Robbie Bremner	4/3	2 up

Conditions were goodish but it was breezy. One or two not on song together, with some iffy putting, was enough to down us. A shame as I'm sure if we'd prevailed we would have gone far in the Cup.

The Prince's Plate 8 April 2016

First 3 rounds played at Prince's Golf Club with the semi-finals and finals played at Deal

	Aldenham	Malvern	Berkhamsted	Felsted	The Leys
Stein/McIntosh	L 2/1	1 up	L 1 d	2/1	L 2/1
Simpson/Rolland	6/5	2/1	3/2	A/S	1 up
Smith/Bremner	1 up	L 1 d	3/2	7/6	L 1 d
	W 2-1	W 2-1	W 2-1	W 2.5-0.5	L 1-2

The conditions were very testing each day with wind varying in strength and it was especially strong on Saturday which was also accompanied by heavy rain.

All matches were of high quality (nearly all schools able to produce 6 top class players from their teams of 10 in The Hewitt) and often went to the wire. The final was exceptionally exciting throughout. The Leys, runners up in the 2012 Plate, produced some decisive shots, none moreso than a fine 'driver' to the 222y short 14th, a 4 at the long 16th, an iron to 4 feet for birdie at 17, and an up and down from off the back of the 18th green culminating in a 15-foot putt to remain 1 up in the decisive game.

All games were played in good spirit and The Leys are to be congratulated in winning their first trophy during a Halford Hewitt week.

Commiserations to our valiant team. All players played to a very high standard.

Dr W T Hannay (54-58)

Golf Captain