

The Tillman Trophy 2010

The course on the practice day was playing hard and fast after a very hot dry period with a stiff breeze, but torrential rain on the Sunday night softened greens and fairways. On the Monday morning the wind dropped putting the course at the mercy of these young tigers. This resulted in some excellent sub-par scores being posted by the early starters namely:

David Coupland, Boston GC	65	
Adam Keogh, Boston West GC	67	
Darren Renwick, Hill Barn GC	68	
Kevin Garwood, Ferndown GC	69	
Max Smith, Newbury Racecourse GC	69	
Jack Bartlett, Worthing GC	70	
Will Roebuck, Mentmore GC	70	CSS 74

On the second morning after a dry night the course began firming up a little. The pin positions were more challenging and a westerly breeze made control of the ball on the back nine more of a problem, although this died away a little in the afternoon when the sun came out. Again this resulted in many more sub-par scores being posted on day 2, mainly by the later starters, namely:

Jack Senior, Heysham GC	67	
Steven Brown, Wentworth GC	68	
Andrew Sullivan, Nuneaton GC	68	
David Coupland, Boston GC	68	
Daniel Byrne, Dartford GC	68	
Matt Foster, The Oxfordshire GC	68	
Max Smith, Newbury Racecourse GC	69	
Matt Wallace, Batchworth GC	69	CSS 73

The qualifying score for the final 36 holes was 148 with the leading contenders being:

David Coupland	133
Max Smith	138
Jack Senior	139
Daniel Byrne	139
Darren Renwick	139
Adam Keogh	139

The final day started dry and calm with a light westerly breeze, ideal for scoring well, even though the CSS remained at 73. During the day light showers developed and the breeze stiffened before the sun came out. This did not deter the leading players who continued to score well. The Trophy was won by **David Coupland** with two final rounds of 68 and 70, **271** overall, 22 under the CSS! His nearest rival was **Darren Renwick** who scored a brilliant 65 and a 75 to finish **279** with **Matt Wallace** third **281** after a 66 and 72. Jack Senior was fourth one shot further behind.

The standard of golf throughout this tournament was very high with 20 scores under 70 over the four rounds.