

2014 GRIFFITH HARRIS EARLY-BIRD BACK-NINE CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, May 24, 2014

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match	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Phil - Pete	-				-				x	
Ray - Matt	-	1	2	1	-	1	2	2	x	won
press	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	FINAL
Phil - Pete	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	1	won
Ray - Matt	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		

DeMane Golf of Greenwich may have provided the winning difference for Saturday's match after regripping clubs for both Ray and Matt on Friday, giving them the slimmest of advantages that they would use to beat Pete and Phil. Ray made it to the tee just on time after waiting endlessly for the guys in the booth to take his money and stamp his ticket, but he took his usual place at the back of the queue and struck his first drive straight and down the fairway, the only player with an approach from the short grass. Ray hit a very nice second shot to ten feet with spin, a good birdie opportunity that he slid just around the hole, but he was tied after Pete recovered from the right side tree with a second shot through the green and a good up-and-down for his par. Nobody hit the eleventh green after Matt was left, Ray in the right bunker, Phil short and Pete on the hill. With Matt the only player to save par after an uphill three footer, Ray and Matt took the early lead. Pete and Phil went to the right side while Ray and Matt went to the left side of the twelfth. Phil pulled his approach to the left but Pete hit a solid shot that bounced in front and stopped ten feet from the cup. Matt was just outside of Pete, while Ray was to the back left of the green. Ray hit a long putt past the cup but stroked his next for a par, giving Matt a free look at birdie, which he utilized to full advantage by making his putt. Pete just missed his putt on the low side, spinning but not dropping, so Ray and Matt were two up at this point. The thirteenth would be contested between Ray and Pete, both long down the fairway from the tee. Ray topped his second while Pete went wide to the right. Ray hit a good approach but had a sliding twelve footer to save par, knocking his putt past the hole and making bogey. Pete hit a good chip and stroked a clean six-footer to save his par and cut the lead in half. Nobody played the fourteenth well from the tee box but everyone tried to scramble and catch up. Matt had a par putt from off the back of the green while his partner had his par putt from the very front. Neither could convert, Ray from quite a distance and Matt just sliding by the side of the hole. Pete had a different story, recovering nicely and making a similar putt to Matt's that looked like it might be short but kept coming and dropped into the hole for five, evening the match. Pete and Matt were on the hill to the left of the fifteenth green, Ray on the front edge and Phil to the right. Phil hit a beautiful chip over the trap to three feet but could not convert, and Ray's two putt par won the hole and regained the lead for his team. Ray was in the fairway on sixteen, Matt a bit longer and Pete much the longest off the tee. Ray pulled his second into the trap and had to settle for bogey. Matt hit a good second that stayed on the front fringe, bettered by Pete who hit his to the left of the hole and spinning to about seven feet. But Matt used his putter from the fringe and rolled his putt into the cup, and after Pete left his birdie putt short, Matt and Ray took a two hole lead with two to play. Phil hit a great tee shot on seventeen and followed with a great second that brought him to the cart sign on the left of the fairway. Matt also hit a good drive and second, leaving himself just off the green in the long grass on the right near the bunker. Phil chipped to the front of the green but took three putts to get down and the hole was tied after Matt made bogey as well. The match was over, Ray and Matt winning two-and-one and setting off a press.

Ray and Matt both pulled their tee shots on eighteen while Phil and Pete were long and straight. But Ray and Matt both pulled off good second shots, Matt stopping a few yards off the front edge and Ray on the green. Pete was up to the pressure, though, hitting a very nice approach inside of Ray and then stroking his birdie putt into the center of the cup for a winning three to capture the press and salvage a point.

	TEAM WON-LOST	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Halved</i>	
	Ray-Pete	1.0			
	Ray-Phil		1.5		
	Ray-Matt	1.0	0.5		
	Pete-Phil	0.5	1.0		
	Pete-Matt	1.5			
	Phil-Matt		1.0		

HEAD-TO-HEAD WON-LOST	<i>Ray</i>	<i>Pete</i>	<i>Phil</i>	<i>Matt</i>	<i>Overall</i>
Ray		1.0-2.0-0.0	2.0-0.5-0.0	1.0-1.5-0.0	2.0-2.0-0.0
Pete	2.0-1.0-0.0		2.5-0.0-0.0	1.5-1.0-0.0	3.0-1.0-0.0
Phil	0.5-2.0-0.0	0.0-2.5-0.0		0.5-2.5-0.0	0.5-3.5-0.0
Matt	1.5-1.0-0.0	1.0-1.5-0.0	2.5-0.5-0.0		2.5-1.5-0.0

HEAD-TO-HEAD POINTS	<i>Ray</i>	<i>Pete</i>	<i>Phil</i>	<i>Matt</i>	TOTAL POINTS
Ray		2.0	4.0	2.0	4.0
Pete	4.0		5.0	3.0	6.0
Phil	1.0			1.0	1.0
Matt	3.0	2.0	5.0		5.0

	SKINS WON			
	Ray			
	Pete			
	Phil			
	Matt			

	SKINS POINTS			
	Ray			
	Pete			
	Phil			
	Matt			

	Ray	Pete	Phil	Matt
0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1	0.0	3.0	0.0	3.0
2	2.0	5.0	0.0	3.0
3	2.0	5.0	0.0	3.0
4	4.0	6.0	1.0	5.0

