

Presidents Cup 2018; Saturday 13 October

The weather deferred final of the President's tees off at 08.30. It's Greg Mackay and Rowan Gillespie playing Tom Passmore and Chris Harnett. Tom and Chris receive two shots.

1st. Rowan and Greg are on the green for two after two nervy shots. Excellent 60 yard third shot Tom to two feet. Long putt from Greg runs 12 feet past. With a smile, Tom declines Rowan's offer of "give: give". Rowan putts short; Chris holes to go one up.



2nd. From middle of the fairway, Tom finds left side of green. Greg plays from right hand bunker; Rowan's pitch lands just short of the green. Chris is in the driving seat. Chris putts to 3 feet. Greg putts to 8ft and Rowan's putt runs by. Hole conceived: 2up to Tom and Chris.



3rd. Rain starts to fall. Tom drives long but in the heather left. Greg splits the fairway leaving Rowan 210 to the pin. Great 3 iron from Rowan to back of green. Chris has to chip out.

Tom comes up short of the green. Greg first to go, putting full length of the green. Comes up 10 feet short. Chris putts up just inside Greg. Rowan miss leaving Tom putt to halve. Just misses. A hole back to Rowan and Greg.

4th. Rowan finishes right of the green right. Chris takes driver and finds left hand bunker. Great chip downhill from Greg to 3 feet. Tom out of bunker to 15 feet. Chris' putt just misses. Rowan has putt to win which he holes. Match all square.



5th. Two good shots from each team. Tom now playing from 100 yards hits front of green. Greg pitches on to 8 feet. Chris putts; still Tom to play. Putt misses. Rowan's putt conceded. Three wins in a row takes Greg and Rowan to one up. No halved holes yet.

6th. Shot hole for Tom and Chris. Rowan drives long to left side of fairway. Chris drives shorter on same line. Tom has to lay-up for two. Greg hits just short of green. Chris hooks in to ditch on the right. Now Chris and Tom have a decision to make. After consultation, Tom is going to play it from the ditch. Out it comes to top level. Excellent shot. Four net



three now plays two. Chris to putt. Great putt down the hill to two feet. Rowan has two to win. He's rushed it past by 5 feet. A spectator quietly observes "*not done yet*". Greg misses putt back for his 4. Our first hole halved in nett 5.

7th. Greg looks to have found left side of green with his tee shot. Tom is in the middle. Odds-on another half. To our surprise we find Greg's ball has trickled off and down the slope but Rowan chips to 3 feet. Chris lags his putt. Both still putting. Greg first; he holes. Tom for the half as the rain falls again. He gets it. Rowan and Greg remain one up.



8th. Rowan's 3 wood finds left heather. Chris is down the middle but only just clearly heather. Preferred lie ruling required for Tom which he gets. Tom misses green right. Greg hacks out of heather. Rowan finds front of green to red flag. Chris catches it thin going through back of green leaving Tom a long pitch back which he gets to 12 feet. Greg to win - missed. Chris to at least secure a half – misses so Rowan and Greg win hole. Two up.



9th. Greg hits it slightly right; just carrying bunker and ending up on top tier. Tom hits excellent high draw to four feet. Spectators applaud. Our pro arrives to offer his expert opinion. Rowan putts up for a gimme three. Chris lips out; hole halved. Feels like a pivotal moment in the match. Rowan and Greg remain 2 up at the turn.

10th. Rowan looks anxious as he hits his drive right. Chris safely down left side of fairway. Tom to play first; Rowan is in the ditch. Tom strikes it well but left of green. Greg gambles and knocks it out. Rowan finds front of green. Chris' chip comes up short. Tom chips to six feet. Greg is putting from range to win and leaves it 3 feet short. Chris shaves the hole again. Rowan to win...in it goes. Three up Greg and Rowan.



11th. Greg hits it low and catches the bunker. The door opens and Tom hits a great shot down the middle. Rowan hits it well from the bunker but can only reach the end of the fairway. Advantage Chris, who hits an excellent wood to the green. Greg scuffs one up to the green and Rowan pitches on. Tom chips to 3 feet; four plays there.

Greg to putt; misses for 6. Hole conceded. Tom and Chris now only two down. Is the comeback on?

12th. Chris goes first, finds fairway with 3 wood. Rowan hits rescue over left hand bunkers. Tom from 100 yards catches it heavy and short of the green. Match referees spring in to action giving relief for Greg from in front of half way hut. Chris hits to four feet. Greg finds the green. Two ore and they are down in 4. Tom now for a half. No. The putts just aren't dropping for this pair. Back to 3 for Greg and Rowan.

13th. Tricky back right pin. Greg is pin high in the middle. Tom goes straight at it with a 7 iron and just carries bunker. Chris to putt; it slides past. Rowan from 10 feet to win. Just misses. Tom for the half. Misses. 4up Greg and Rowan.



14th. Last shot hole for Tom and Chris; a must win. Rowan rips one over the trees to middle of the fairway. Chris is further back. Tom has his 3 wood out. The crowd applauds as Tom's ball lands just short of green. We all walk forward 120 yards to Ronan's ball! Greg finds right side of green. Chris putts from off green to six feet. Rowan under hits his putt and we hear the words "sorry partner!" It's still their turn. Greg for four...misses. Tom holes to win. Now 3 down with four to play. Can they turn it around?



15th. Tom's tee shot bounces the left hand bunker. Greg finds the bunker. Ronan hits a fantastic bunker shot to 3 feet. Chris must now get this close. Good shot but still Tom to play. Tom's putt won't drop leaving Greg to putt for the match.



In it goes; a 4 and 3 victory to Craig and Rowan. Well played all.

