

Paddy's Prattle 29 June 2021

Some big games were played last Saturday in the Presidents cup and plate. In the cup I only got half the predictions correct, but the strong favourites are showing themselves. Robbie played well, but he ran into the freight train that is Sean Strange. After a recent wrist injury - when he slipped off - Sean has bounced back and is looking stronger than ever and could actually be a dark horse for this year's senior champs. His next victim, sorry typo, I mean opponent will be Richard McKernan, who struggled past an injured and under the weather Charlie. It speaks volumes for Charlie that he managed to get off his sick bed and give Richie a game. It was still a close game, but I reckon if Charlie had had the strength to get dressed rather than just playing in his pyjamas and slippers, he could have pipped it.

On the other side of the draw, Ram Clarke continued giving his life lessons to the young guns as he dismantled Young Spud, but his run may have come to an end as "the beast" Josh Coyle now stands in his way. Josh has not yet played the last 5 holes in this year's knockout, and he doesn't care about reputations after handing down a dam good thrashing to poor old Gaby. I honestly cannot see why they are bothering to play the games this Saturday, it would make much more sense to just jump straight to the final. Oh well I suppose we have to follow procedure. Good luck to all.

In the plate, we have two great semi-finals in store Barry Jury will take on Steve McCloy and Tom Blacklow will lock horns with Dave Hampton. Four good players and all of them, real nice blokes. If I am pushed for a prediction, I will take Barry and Tom, but both will need to go to the last or even extra holes to get the results.

In the game of the day Ken Clucas threw off his shackles shooting a net 66 for a +6 in the par round, winning by a clear 2 shots from Chis Lovelock and Bevan Wilson.

This Sunday we are back in pennants action again. The Alex team are at Tinwald playing Temuka. After writing last week I got a great message about the last pennants game. It seemed that the team had a late call off so had to play one player light, but good old Jamie Stone won his own game and also took down two opponents in the fourball for a great result. Well done big fella.

I forgot to mention the Redpath team last time, so Davo gave me a serve. I had a quick look to see who will be beating them this week and it turns out that its Pleasant Point's turn for an easy ride. Silver lining is that they don't have to go far for their hiding, its only at Tinwald.

In the strongest division both the Patterson teams are coming off great wins. The Vision Insurance pups, fresh off downing Mayfield will be playing league leaders Fairlie. The Old dogs will be hoping to put 2 wins back to back for the first time in, well, ever! They are taking on a very strong Gleniti team with an almost full squad to pick from. These two games are at Mayfield.

Oh well, that's enough cheek for this week. See you around the course. Good golfing.