

# DAILY TELEGRAPH SE REGIONAL FINAL

Played at West Sussex Golf Club on Sunday, 5th October

Result: **Essex v Surrey - Trophy shared**



## **In spite of the weather Essex bring home the trophy!**

The long awaited clash between the winners of the Northern and Southern Leagues was brought to an end after 2 hours of play by the weather. Starting at 8 am on a very wet Sunday morning, the eight players from each County teed off on this splendid course at Pulborough in Sussex.

### Mike Spall, Essex team manager reports:

Essex faced an exceptionally strong Surrey team which included three England internationals whereas Essex stuck to the side that had got them through to the final. One missing regular being Orsett's Steve McAnally who was prevented from playing through an injury.

The Essex team was:

William Boniface - Five Lakes  
Adam Burwood - Harwich & Dovercourt  
Jack Clark - Chelmsford  
Any May - Boyce Hill  
Tom Ogan - Braintree  
Matthew Southgate – Thorpe Hall  
Ross Spurgeon - West Essex  
Jack Winer – Woolston Manor

The weather forecast for the day of the match was atrocious and so it proved with the wind gusting to 30 mile an hour and torrential rain.

The morning foursomes got under way with the players having immense problems in keeping their clubs and themselves dry. One playing had his umbrella blown over into an adjacent field and another was destroyed by the wind.

Gradually the greens were flooding and by the time the first players reached the eighth tee the officials decided to suspend play. On returning to the clubhouse it was agreed that provided it had eased off after lunch play would resume and the match would be decided on the result of the singles. However, by the time lunch was finished it was evident that it would be at least two hours before play would be possible and there would not be sufficient time to conclude the match and so it was decided that the trophy would be shared. (Mike Spall)

West Sussex Club Captain, David Baxter expressed the disappointment felt by all concerned at not being able to complete a contest that promised to produce golf of the highest quality.

The two Presidents, Martin Christmas of Surrey and Cliff Crook of Essex, agreed that Essex would be the custodian of the splendid trophy for the first part of the year.