

HENRY COTTON REPORTS RYDER CUP: EXCLUSIVE

It's a bit nerve wracking being a non-playing captain and the mist delaying the start didn't help. But for Lloyd Mangrum, the U.S. captain, it was no better. When that great little fighter Dai Rees drove off against Jack Burke I had my fingers crossed.

Lloyd Mangrum hit a beauty straight down the middle watched by young ^{Pat} Percy Alliss and Jim Turnesa. Eric Brown was Mangrum's opponent, a tough assignment if you like.

Drawn against Sam Snead, Harry Weetman had a tougher one still but he began ^{with a colossal drive down the middle} as calmly as if it were a practice round.

The American Dave Douglas, ~~playing against Sam Snead~~ chipping here at the second, ^{hole} was drawn against one of my bright young hopes, Bernard Hunt, the Hartsbourne Assistant, a player with a big future. Here ~~was~~ ^{chipping} he's ~~putting~~ at the second.

Douglas's putt ^{missed the hole} ~~went wide~~ and he conceded ~~this hole~~.

At the 18th Burke and Dai Rees ended their ding-dong morning round. ~~A missed putt by Burke gave the hole to Rees and they were all square.~~ ^{Rees pulled up on the slow pace - so Rees won the hole} ~~his putt was not at all~~ ^{to be square at halfway.}

Meanwhile the great Sam Snead was showing no mercy to Harry Weetman and was ⁴ ~~was~~ -up at the end of the morning round. ^{This pleased} Good news ~~for~~ Bob Hope.

But Fred Daly was being far too good for Ted Kroll. Well as the American played he was no match for the Irishman on this form.

at the 29th.
Their match was all over ~~manhattan~~ I've never been prouder of any player than I was of Daly when I ~~needed~~ ^{went on} ~~to the tee to congratulate~~ ^{congratulated} ~~him~~ his great victory by 9 and 7.

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Nobody at Wentworth will ever forget the drama of the last hole. Eric Brown at two putts to beat Lloyd Mangram by two holes, a result it would have taken a bold prophet to predict. [Mrs. Brown rushes out to embrace her husband.

Sam Sneed was all square with Harry Weatman coming to the final hole. His putt finishes short, leaving Weatman 2 putts to win. [Harry ^{de Uneda's} makes no mistake. He had beaten one of ~~America's~~ greatest golfers by one hole after being four down with six to play, and had put Gt. Britain right back into the match. Well done Harry! His proud wife kisses him.

Young Peter Alliss with three strokes to win the hole which would have assured ⁽¹⁵⁾ of a tie at that moment took a wedge to pitch to the green. ~~He missed it.~~ He next chipped four feet wide. Tenessa the American putts and misses. So if Alliss could sink that putt it would give us still a chance to win the cup. Just imagine what we all felt when he missed.

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X Following was Bernard Hunt. He putts 6 ^{feet} short ~~of the~~ ^{this} with his first putt and then misses a putt which would have won his game and halved for us the Ryder Cup match. ^{so we lost the cup by one short putt.} ~~So we lost the Ryder Cup by just one point.~~ And it was to the American captain Lloyd Mangram, /not to me, that Lord Lyle presented ~~the~~ ^{the lovely} gold trophy. ^{Cherry}

After Friday's disastrous foursomes we were two down when the singles began on Saturday. I think I must have been one of the ~~very~~ few people who thought we still had a chance.

You have just seen one of the greatest sporting tragedies of modern time, but I hope ~~that from our defeat~~ ^{that from our defeat} ~~all the same a lesson has been learned and that~~ our younger players have gained ^{some} experience ^{to} to lead us to ~~complete~~ victory ^{the} next time. ^{we} ^{are} ^{ready}