





The Tanglwyst Cup 2020 – TCX – was like no other. The COVID-19 pandemic was a constant threat, which led to the driest tour on record. Alex Laffan's 'Cromer Chameleons' led the evening festivities (as expected) in Cromer, which amounted to drinking cans of cheap cider from the supermarket in the beach side shelters and singing their anthem throughout the night. Andrew Mullin's 'The Pitch & Pots' took a different approach to finding entertainment, with their record leading points scorer decorating the streets of Cromer with his stomach contents whilst the remaining contingent, including Edwards and Stoker, took the opportunity to gather 10 hours sleep per night. However, on the course the competition remained fierce and the scoreboard reflected the evenly matched teams. The score was 3 ½ - 2 ½ heading into the singles and all the matches were tight. In the end, it boiled down to the final match on the course to decide the outcome, Jenkins v Davidson. Jenkins had a 2-foot putt to win it at the

death on the 18th green, but like a true gent, he slide his putt by the hole, to share the spoils.

Therefore, as the most recent victorious Captain, I have the honour of leading the tour once again. 2021 has been similar in many ways to 2020 — stuck between COVID lockdowns and travel restrictions. The initial tour plan was to get out to Bude to meet the Laffan locals and enjoy some well-earned entertainment. However, the committee felt this was a risky proposition and we settled on a UK venue. Golf events in the lead up to this tour have slowly increased, mainly due to the return of the Tanglwyst glue, and new father, Lloyd Godwin. A sabbatical in Australia, far away from the UK COVID restrictions was a stroke of genius by the small fella, and surely only a matter of time before he makes the move permanent.

So a long weekend in the Midlands at the beginning of September 2021 is set to be the venue for the eleventh Tanglwyst Cup and will see Rhys Jenkins' 'Beige Against the Machine' (BATM) take on Geraint Edwards' 'Proud Edwards Army' (PEA). This will be the first time a team name is used for a second tour, and it is surprising due to the annihilation his team endured back in 2014. The majority of that 2014 PEA team have been picked again for 2021. On the other hand the BATM team contains a number of proven winners with Godwin, Cooke, Davidson and King all heading into battle together. All the statistics point towards a repeat of the one-sided affair witnessed in 2014. However, recent TC history has shown that the results are difficult to predict, it will come down to who can hold their nerve on that final putt!

Before closing, I would like to thank my colleagues on the committee for their on-going commitment and dedication to getting this elite event organised. I am personally looking forward to being able to dust off my dance moves and sink a few putts!! May the best team win.

BEN KING

Honorary President





JENKINS' JITTERS SNATCH DRAW FROM THE JAWS OF VICTORY

THE PITCH & POTS 6 **CROMER CHAMELEONS 6**

The 2020 Tanglwyst Cup, 'TC X', took place over 1-3 October. In the midst of a pandemic, the playing of these matches had been at significant risk but thankfully with some last minute logistical tweaks, the matches went ahead as planned. The course line-up was arguably the strongest ever and for the first time in many years the weather didn't spoil any of the rounds. It would prove to be the closest TC in history, with no session won by more than a point on any day.

The Pitch & Pots, took the overnight lead on day 1 with the pivotal moment of the day coming from the 17th hole when the Chameleon's no. 1 pick, King, inexplicably shanked his approach out of bounds to hand his opponents a 1 up lead that would not be surrendered.

Day 2 Foursomes proved even tighter, with two matches making it to the 18th. The Chameleons would get the better of those closing hole exchanges to tie the session and restrict

their overnight deficit to 3.5 vs. 2.5.

The final round singles matches proved to be the most dramatic seen at a Tanglwyst Cup. With the Chameleons leading in 5 of the 6 matches early in the back nine, they looked set to become the first team to come from behind and win a Tanglwyst Cup. However, The Pitch & Pots fought back valiantly and once again it would come down to the 18th hole. Three matches made it to the 18th, with the Chameleons winning the hole in those first two matches to leave the score at 5.5 v 5.5 with only one match and one hole to play. Davidson and Jenkins would both find the fairway from the tee but leak nervy approach shots into bunkers. Jenkins thought he'd won it as his bunker shot missed the hole by an inch and ran out just beyond 'gimme' range. Davidson followed with a quality bunker shot of his own but missed the par putt to leave Jenkins with the chance to claim the match win and overall team victory. Sadly for The Pitch & Pots, Jenkins was left slumped over his putter as the putt failed to hit the cup and the match was drawn. The Pitch & Pots had gone down the 18th hole six times in three days and failed to win the hole on any occasion. Amongst the drama, Cooke recorded an incredible third consecutive hat-trick and became the first person to claim Player of the Year two occasions.

RHYS JENKINS

Stand-in Tanglwyst Reporter



beige against the machine

Captain's Notes:

My return to captaincy arrives a full decade after I had the honour of leading a team out at the inaugural Tanglwyst Cup. I cherish many memories from that year – especially now given what TC has gone on to become – but, with the exception of a few Andy moments, none of those happy memories transpired on the course! It was a chastening few days in 2011 for my creatively named 'Red Team' and I'll be looking to empathically erase those memories in 2021 with my star-studded BATM.

My team possesses 5 club members, bringing experience from many styles of golf—the fast and windy tracks of West Lothian and South Wales, the sometimes swamp, sometimes rapid tracks of Berkshire and Middlesex and the dry-as-a-bone tracks of Queensland means we've got all bases covered, no matter the course, no matter the weather.

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to one of our founding players and my first-pick, Lloyd Godwin, who missed his first ever TC in 2020 due to a 9 month hiatus in Australia. Along with King and myself, he'll be making his 10th TC appearance. Meanwhile, Cooke and Davidson arrive on undefeated streaks stretching back to 2017 and they'll have their sights firmly on extending those records at the expense of the PEAs.

I wish good luck to my rival Captain Edwards and his PEA but I also must warn them that my team will be playing with confidence, aggression and they'll be *killing in the name of* BATM.

RHYS JENKINS

Captain

COMBINED
WINS / DRAWS
43% / 11%



HEAD-TO-HEAD
VS. PEA
61-61

RHYS JENKINS (C)

HCP 13.5
APP 9
★ 3
W 11
L 14
D 2

LLOYD GODWIN

9.4 HCP
9 APP
4 ★
15 W
11 L
1 D

NICK COOKE

HCP 6.5
APP 5
★ 2
W 10
L 3
D 2

BEN KING

8.1 HCP
9 APP
4 ★
11 W
12 L
4 D

ANDY DAVIDSON

HCP 15.3
APP 8
★ 4
W 9
L 11
D 4

ANDREW MULLIN

15.3 HCP
10 APP
3 ★
9 W
18 L
3 D

PROUD EDWARDS ARMY

Captain's Notes:

It's been a tough 10 years... Statistically the worst player in history. 1 star from 10 appearances. 2 LD/NP awards, from a possible 60. 2nd worst PPT. 3 bagels. 0 POTY. However, I have not, and will not, let this affect me and now, as a natural leader of men, it is time to lead PEA and the TC into a new decade.

Proud Edwards Army is the most iconic team in TC history despite narrowly losing to some Tossers in 2014. PEA v2.0 is ready to rewrite history and bring home my 2nd star and, in doing so, trigger the next 10 years of TC domination.

PEA includes 3 of the 4 TC Tenors. 4 of its players also featured in the team of the decade. PEA represents all that is good about TC: a captain that leads from the front; a vice-captain with unbelievable intangibles; the most decorated TC golfer; and a middle-order that includes a lefty, a lanky, and a guy who can still win on only one leg - all legends of TC.

Our competition— Beige Against The Machine — where do we start? The undisputed worst captain in history; 3 players with questionable handicaps; a guy who is constantly rebuilding his swing and talking complete shit; and a TC Tenor that hasn't smiled since he last played with his big brother.

I would, however, like to take this opportunity to thank my opposing captain, Rhys Jenkins (Pork Chop, Wind Sock, Jenks, Jenkosh, Leckwith3), for his efforts in ensuring TC's continued success. Cheers bud. But let's put all of that to one side. It's time to step up, lead from the front and bring home the cup!

GERAINT EDWARDS

Captain

COMBINED
WINS / DRAWS
43% / 12%



HEAD-TO HEAD
VS. BATM
61-61

GERAINT EDWARDS (C)

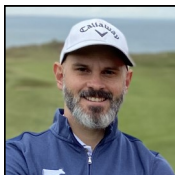
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APP 10
★ 1
W 7
L 19
D 4

JAMES ROBINSON

12.1 HCP
10 APP
6 ★
16 W
13 L
1 D

DAVID HOARE

HCP 6.9
APP 10
★ 5
W 15
L 10
D 5

JAMES REEVE

21.7 HCP
8 APP
5 ★
11 W
12 L
1 D

ALEX LAFFAN

HCP 13.5
APP 8
★ 2
W 11
L 8
D 5

SAM SHIRLEY

17.1 HCP
7 APP
4 ★
9 W
9 L
3 D



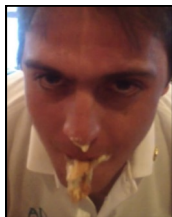
Six time TC winner and jock scientist Dr James Robinson explains the 5 keys to elite performance for a TC player, both on and off the course.

1. TECHNOLOGY:

Barring an unfortunate confidentiality lapse after the implementation of the Bluetooth speaker, and some questionable use of social media while on tour in Florida, TC players have successfully adopted various forms of technology. Few societies have such a sophisticated website and array of statistics freely available. We look forward to implementing the full suite of "strokes gained" statistics in 2022.

2. NUTRITION:

A TC player's body is his temple. The most important food groups for a TC player are the "fried" and the "spicy" groups. Daily full English breakfasts, plenty of chips and a weekly curry help to achieve a balanced diet. TC players must however guard against becoming full as an egg otherwise nutrients can be spectacularly lost.



3. MEDICINE:

TC players are very resilient, even the severest of morning headaches can be treated with nothing more than a Berocca and some bacon and then off to the first tee. However a medic is always on hand just in case. The medicine man is quick to identify any ailments and while his therapies can be unconventional he always knows what's best.

4. ANATOMY:

TC players have strong vocal chords adapted for regularly shouting "fore", relentlessly throwing witty barbs at their opposition and of course entertaining the clientele of local Indian restaurants. TC players also have smaller than average penis size to reduce drag and help maintain balance through the golf swing.

**5. NEUROSCIENCE:**

TC players are extremely psychologically fragile, ensuring no lead on the back nine is ever big enough, while involuntary hand movements mean any putt can be missed no matter how short. These traits might appear to be a disadvantage but in fact they are adaptations that provide maximum excitement for our fans watching patiently from back in the fairway.

INTANGIBLES:

In addition to these 5 keys to elite performance, we must also consider the intangibles. These are hard to articulate and even more difficult to learn. Luckily all TC players are born as great lads so the intangibles come naturally. For any aspiring young athletes looking to learn, I would highly recommend a crash-course weekend away with Chino in Albufeira.



**Day 1 – FOURBALLS**

*Northamptonshire County GC
Thursday 2nd September*

Type: Heathland
Par: 70
Yards: 6,721 (White)
NP: 12th
LD: 18th



Construction of the Northamptonshire County Golf Course began in April 1909 and the course was opened for play the following year. The original 18 holes were designed by the distinguished golf course architect, Harry S Colt, who also designed Wentworth and Sunningdale. The course has stood the test of time very well as relatively few major alterations have been made to it since; the most notable of which were carried out by James Braid, in 1947, when the pattern and arrangement of many bunkers were altered and the 18th green was relocated to its present position in front of the clubhouse.

The course is a traditional heathland golf course with undulating woodland, gorse, heather and fine pine woods. A further 3 splendid holes designed by top course architect, Cameron Sinclair, were opened in May 2004. These now provide a 9

hole loop returning to the clubhouse, for those wishing to play 9 or 27 holes. The course is rather unique with three extra holes – designed by course architect Cameron Sinclair – added to the front nine layout giving players who are looking to play only nine holes the option to play 7a, 8a & 9a, which return back to the clubhouse leaving the 18-hole circuit clear after the first six holes for those playing a full round. These new holes have a feel of Woburn about them and are well worth playing if you fancy 27 holes in one day. The greens are very true with some very difficult pin positions available and the whole course is always well presented.

For many years now the course has been used as a regional open qualifying venue and has staged the British Girls Open Tournament and recently the PGA Seniors Club Professional Championship. The club itself is very friendly and the members are very courteous towards visitors with a good selection of food available in the clubhouse.

This is a course with a very good pedigree and offers a great golfing challenge any time of the year as it drains very well during the winter months.



**Day 2 — GREENSOMES***Notts Golf Club**Friday 3rd September*

Type: Heathland
Par: 72
Yards: 7,250 (Blue)
NP: 9th
LD: 18th



Notts Golf Club was founded in 1887, moving to its current site at Hollinwell in 1901, where Willie Park Junior had laid out a course for the members. Modifications (primarily to bunkering) were later made by club professional Tom Williamson and John H Taylor, to whom the club paid the princely sum of five guineas for his services. Tom Williamson built three new holes when further land became available in 1910.

In the same way that he maximised the use of height in the ground at Sunningdale Old, here he used the natural contours of the Valley of Kirkby Forest, creating a course of just short of 6000 yards which was long in those days using gutta percha balls and hickory clubs. The strength of challenge continues today exemplified by a par of 72 and SSS 76 from the Championship tees which now measures 7,250 yards.

The bunkers at Notts are relatively shallow, unlike some of the cavernous bunkers found at Woodhall Spa or Ganton but the Hollinwell course plays across wonderfully undulating ground where some of the fairways sweep through wooded hillsides and where others run through heather, fern and gorse clad valleys. Unusually, there are a number of varieties of gorse at Notts, and even in the depths of winter, you will find some in flower.

The course feels very much like heathland (the soil is sandy and the turf is firm), but it also has a moorland flavour and a touch of woodland. Despite the varied landscape, this attractive course comes together really well and actually gets better and better as you progress from hole to hole. It is also worth mentioning that a great deal of effort is being put in to encourage the heather to return to its former glory.

Over the years, Notts Golf Club has hosted a number of professional and amateur events. The 1970 John Player Classic (won by Christy O'Connor Senior) was probably the most notable, with a world record first prize of £25,000.

Keep an eye out for the fabulous 13th hole; six bunkers surround the green. It's a downhill par three (228 yards from the back tees) with stunning views.





Day 3 – SINGLES
Rushcliffe Golf Club
Saturday 4th September

Type: Parkland
Par: 70
Yards: 6,193 (White)
NP: 14th
LD: 12th

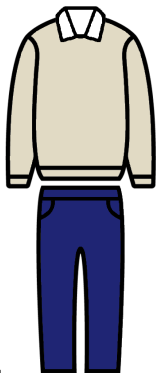


Described as 'The Hidden Gem of The East Midlands', Rushcliffe is set in picturesque rolling countryside on the border of Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire and provides some stunning views across south Nottinghamshire.

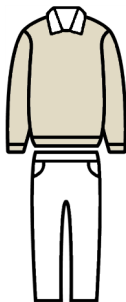
Laid out in 1909 the course is unique in its design with no two holes alike - it demands a wide range of shots offering a true challenge to each aspect of every golfer's game.

Since its inception, when a group of 15 Edwardian gentlemen sat down with the ambitious idea of building a golf links at East Leake, the club has always prided itself on offering a golfing challenge like no other. Undulating fairways with well-guarded and pristine greens are common place offering the club player a different experience every time they tee it up.

beige against
the machine



PRIMARY



ALTERNATES

PROUD
EDWARDS
ARMY



ALTERNATES



PRIMARY

Following on from a significant improvement in 2019 and 2020 the players are once again reminded of the necessity to ensure a reasonable pace-of-play during this year's matches. 4 hours should be the maximum length of each round and we'll be expected to go significantly quicker than that during the four-somes matches.

One player in each group shall oversee the pace of play with a general rule of 3 holes per 40 minutes. Nightly fines will be issued to all players involved in a non-compliant group. The Enforcer will decide on the severity of these fines with a multiplier rule for multiple offences.

Further rules...

1. The Committee is formed of an Honorary President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.
2. The Medicine Man, appointed by the Committee, will be on duty at all times and will always know the best cure for your symptoms.
3. The Enforcer, appointed by the President, will distribute fines and punishments.
4. Recon – the official helper and appointed by the Secretary - is a pivotal role to ensure that everything runs as smoothly as possible. A good Recon will always be thinking one step ahead.
5. The Kitty Man, appointed by the Treasurer, will maintain the kitty and take responsibility for the purchase of beverages. Never refuse to pay the Kitty Man.
6. The Choirboy, appointed by the committee, will be in charge of songs and entertainment.
7. The Peer Mediator, appointed by the Enforcer, will help to resolve disputes and report any crimes to the Enforcer.
8. Mates above all else.
9. Captains' match picks will be handed to the Secretary and announced on the eve of each round of matches.
10. No two team mates shall be paired together for both four-balls and greensomes.

11. 2021 will see the introduction of the World Golf Handicaps to Tanglwyst. Matches will be played using each player's WGH index, adjusted for each course's slope rating. Per WGH, 100% handicaps will be used for singles, 90% handicaps for fourballs and the full difference between each pairs' greensomes handicap* will be used for greensomes.
12. The R&A rules of golf apply to all matches, including rules regarding lost balls, out-of-bounds, etc.
13. Golf apps and range finders are permitted on the course.
14. The 'willies out' rule is in operation.
15. Player of the year, Clubman of the Year, Yip of the Year and Course of the Year will be decided by a vote following the conclusion of Round 3.
16. Failure to produce your Tanglwyst Handicap when requested by the Committee/Enforcer will result in a fine.



* Please refer to the Greensomes Handicap Conversion Table:

HCP	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	HCP
5	5.0	5.4	5.8	6.2	6.6	7.0	7.4	7.8	8.2	8.6	9.0	9.4	9.8	10.2	10.6	11.0	11.4	11.8	12.2	12.6	13.0	13.4	13.8	14.2	5
6	5.4	6.0	6.4	6.8	7.2	7.6	8.0	8.4	8.8	9.2	9.6	10.0	10.4	10.8	11.2	11.6	12.0	12.4	12.8	13.2	13.6	14.0	14.4	14.8	6
7	5.8	6.4	7.0	7.4	7.8	8.2	8.6	9.0	9.4	9.8	10.2	10.6	11.0	11.4	11.8	12.2	12.6	13.0	13.4	13.8	14.2	14.6	15.0	15.4	7
8	6.2	6.8	7.4	8.0	8.4	8.8	9.2	9.6	10.0	10.4	10.8	11.2	11.6	12.0	12.4	12.8	13.2	13.6	14.0	14.4	14.8	15.2	15.6	16.0	8
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HCP	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	HCP

Three players, **DAVIDSON**, **KING** and **SHIRLEY** stand on the brink of joining the 5-Star Club with a team victory in TC21. Remarkably, Shirley hasn't been on the losing team since 2012. Reeve also has the chance for a 4th consecutive star.

After becoming the first person to secure back-to-back-to-back hat-tricks in 2018-20, **COOKE** has the opportunity of extending that record to four in 2020. His active win streak of 9 matches is also an all-time TC record.

MULLIN will be desperate to end his active losing streak of 6 matches and put behind him a miserable 5 year stretch that's seen him add 4 bagels to his stats page.

Having finally ended his winless streak of 16 matches in the singles round of 2019, **EDWARDS** has his sights on claiming his first star since 2012.



GODWIN and **ROBINSON** both have the chance to surpass **HOARE** as the all-time leading points scorer(s) in TC history. **ROBINSON** would need a haul of 1.5 pts greater than **HOARE** to claim the outright top spot, **GODWIN** would require a 2.5 pt gain.



After a landslide defeat in the inaugural Tanglwyst, **JENKINS** will be looking for team victory to rid him of the 'worst captain in TC history' tag.

It still remains that **NO TEAM** has ever lost a session of matches and gone on to win the Tanglwyst Cup.