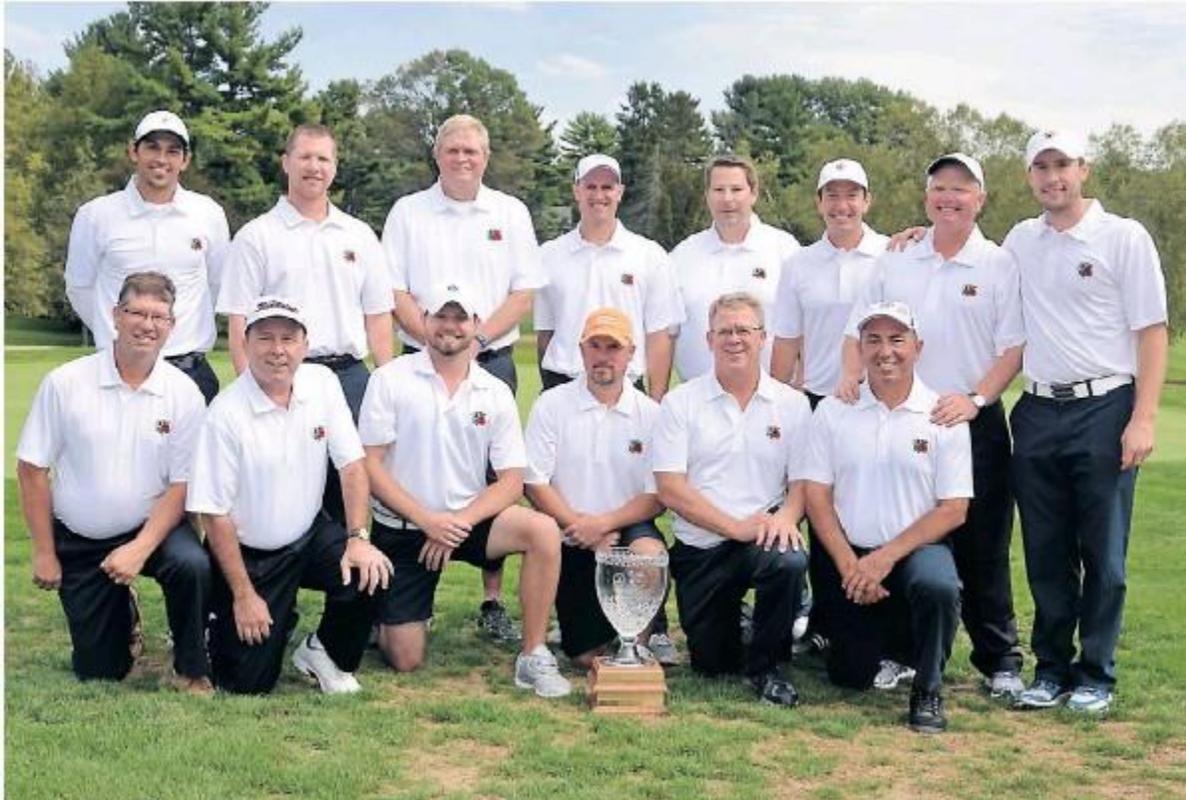


Lancaster takes title

Red Rose golfers scored enough points Sunday to take crown back from York

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A steady effort over two days and contributions from every team member lifted Lancaster County to a victory over York County in the War of Roses on Sunday at Meadia Heights Golf Club.



ROBERT DEVONSHIRE JR. | LNP CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS **Lancaster's players line up for a team picture after winning the War of the Roses at Meadia Heights Golf Club.**

Lancaster won by a score of 13.5 to 10.5 after taking 6.5 points in Sunday's 12 individual matches.

Lancaster has now won 14 of the 21 matchups with its competitors from across the Susquehanna River. York County had won last year's event at Bon Air Country Club.

"This was a team win with every Lancaster team member contributing not only points, but emotional support to their team members," said Lancaster County captain Dave Richards.

Lancaster owned a 7-5 lead after the first day of the event.

On Sunday, Red Rose golfers who won their individual matches were Craig Kliewer, Andy Zook, Derek McCarty, John Weber, Jarred Texter and David Denlinger.

Lancaster's Ryan Felpel halved his match with York's Travis Hoffman.

York County winners Sunday were Matt Henry, Ray Sheedy, Shane Henry, Cary Walton and Bob Stiffler.

All of the individual matches were close, with no match result greater than 4 and 3.

"The final points were won by Ryan Felpel and David Denlinger when the result was in jeopardy," Richards said. "Three big wins in the

middle of the order by Zook, Weber and McCarty were huge. Kliewer gutted out a 1-up win by winning 17 and 18.

Denlinger and Texter provided the knockout punch.



"The cup returns to its home in Lancaster."

Lancaster leads after first day

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Heading into today's singles matches, Lancaster has a 7-5 edge over York

The 21st War of Roses golf tournament is halfway completed.

Who will win the Ryder Cup-style tournament is still anyone's guess.

Following the alternate ball and foursome play on Saturday at Meadia Heights Golf Club, Lancaster held a 7-5 lead over York.

But with 12 points available today in singles play, things could quickly change.

"I don't know how many matches came down to the last hole (this year), but it seemed like every match was at the last hole today," York Captain Bob Etzweiler said. "I saw a lot of 20-foot putts made. It seemed like Lancaster made a couple more than York, but that was the difference."

Hole No.17 seemed to play large down the final stretch of four ball. First it was Lancaster's Corey Gast sticking an approach shot from about 75 yards within inches of the hole to break up an all-square battle between Gast and Andy Zook against York's Kory Trout and Shane Henry.

Ryan Felpel's 30-foot putt on 17 in the final pairing was just as detrimental to York's chances.

Lancaster won each match 1-up.

In position

"You don't win on the first day, you just stay in position. But it's nice to be up," Lancaster captain Dave Richards said. "We have good singles players. So I like our chances."

"Historically, we've been sort of down on the first day and play well in the singles. So we are hoping for that part repeats itself, but we did well in the team format today," Richards added.

Last year, The Red Rose team trailed York 8-4 following the first day and never recovered despite a strong day-two performance in which it picked up five points and five halves of the 12 available points in singles play.

"We held them off by one stroke (Last year), which anyone would be glad to do that (Sunday) because it's going to be some tough matches," Etzweiler said.

Lancaster led 3.5 to 2.5 following morning alternate ball, with York's Raymond Sheedy and Bobby Stiffler's 1-up victory over Lancaster's Rob Campbell and Ryan Felpel providing some excitement. York took a 1-up lead on 13, lost it on 14 and 15 and then won it back on 16 and 17 to take the victory.

Lancaster's Craig Kliewer and Chris Fieger earned 1.5 points by halving alternate ball and winning four ball. David Denlinger and Jud Gemmill won alternate ball and halved four ball for Lancaster.

Stiffler and Sheedy led York by winning both events.

Lancaster won ball, 3.5 to 2 .5.

"(Sunday) the difference is going to be the putting, and also the driving," Etzweiler said. "This course is so tight that you have to have the ball in play. It doesn't play long, but it's tight. There will be some very interesting matches."

Overall, Lancaster has won 13 of the 20 events in this tournament history. However, after early domination — Lancaster won the first seven events — the tournament has become a bit more even. It's been alternating wins during the past five years. And York has now won four of the last six years.

It's the third time the event has been held at Meadia Heights, where Lancaster has always fared well. In 2005 Lancaster won 14.5 to 9-5. In 2001, it was much closer: 12.5 to 11.5.