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Hello and welcome to my county week blog! I hope you enjoy reading! Just so you can put a face to a name that's me in the picture above ...erm let's just say it's an alternative way of wearing a county blazer and I promise to try and behave for the rest of the week!

For us all, county week started today (Sunday) with a meeting at the hotel before our practice round. Netty managed to get there on time and all were present apart from Scrant and Anna who were meeting us at the club. A little birdie told me that Scrant was nursing a birthday hangover...

Many happy returns!

We had a very serious team meeting with strict instructions from Netty to ENJOY the week, I'm sure everyone will oblige!

We played a practice round at the Worcestershire in the afternoon. The course was looking great and ready to welcome some high standard golf. I was lucky enough to play with Cath and Meg. Cath, being member of the Worcestershire was able to share all the course secrets with us. Meg was on top form ripping her drives 500 yards down the fairway! Many of us learnt from the practice round that any matches that get to the 18th hole this week will prove challenging, the putting is very tough and I'm sure it will be an exciting hole to finish on!

After the practice round we all got suited and booted into our blazers for the team photographs. After what felt like an hour of Netty organising us to produce 'the perfect team photo' we were allowed to have a fun photo where we all ended up in the brook on the 18th... let's hope that's the only time any of us will be in there for the rest of the week!

Once inside, our Lady President Maryann delivered a jolly good speech to welcome the other counties, after which we sat down for a meal. As soon as we sat down the discussion topic was what we would each say when introducing ourselves to the whole room. At first Katie and I thought Scrant and Anna were joking being new to the protocol. We soon realized that this was not a joke as we watched the other county captains stand up and introduce their teams, we started to panic trying to come up with something to say! We were the last county in turn to do our introductions. Netty said a few words, introduced her marvellous admin team and then explained to the room that us players would introduce ourselves! Netty sat down and there was a pause until one clown finally stood up to introduce herself first! From then on we took it in turns to stand up and announce our name and club. Karen's introduction I must admit was funny, instead of saying: "My name is Karen and I play at Kidderminster" she said "My name is Karen and I play mostly on the 19th!" It was by far the loudest roar of laughter during the evening and I hope we didn't upset any of the clubs neighbours nearby! The evening went beautifully and it was a credit to the organisers who have been working incredibly hard, I'm sure the week will run very smoothly.

After the meal the players were keen to get back to the hotel for an early night. However, tragedy struck as it was time for Katie and I to leave. Due to University and work commitments we would not be able to play on Monday and Tuesday. I'm sorry to say that we left the team devastated. I have never seen so many tears in all my life. Just hang in there guys we will be back on Tuesday night! I'm sure you will do superbly Monday and Tuesday without us!

I will leave you with the words of a wise friend which will suit Monday's game between Worcestershire & Herefordshire and Warwickshire very well:

"I'd rather be a pear than a bear!"

P.S. Keep an eye on the website for my next blog and make sure you checkout the team photos!