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Pro-Duffer Take First And Second Place At The Texas Ryder Cup!

“It was breathtaking”, says tearful member of the gallery

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Glen Rose, Texas — The Weather on November 7th was just about a perfect



day for golf. The sun was out and not too bright, the temperature was warm but not too warm. It was just the right kind of day for the right kind of team to come and dominate the field.

The crowd expected it. Dallas Pro-Duffers have a reputation! The people lined the road two deep on the entrance to Squaw Valley golf course. The crowd included golfer and non-golfer alike. There were women holding their children up to get a better look. Everyone was there to get a look at members of the Pro-Duffer Southwest Chapter. Everyone knew they were coming and all wanted

to see what the fuss was all about.

They arrived in groups of 2 or 4. Modern day gladiators all dressed uniformly in black and white and were all carrying weapons of course destruction in their minds and in their golf bags. The Green Team, was Led by Captain Truman “Pres” Thomas. The Red team was led by Captain Dan “Knickers” Mask and the Blue Team was led by Captain Andy “A Cornell” Flye. Each team stood together with heads held high while their captains gave final instructions. The

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instructions weren't really necessary because each player knew what was expected of them and before the day was done most of them would deliver. The one's that did not would give their all.

This reporter could not help but notice how quiet the gallery stood during this process. Women looked on adoringly while some men had to turn away from the feeling of awe being generated from the cadre of strong black men and three beautiful black women in uniform. The contest started and each person began to systematically take apart their competition. The Pro-Duffers smoothly transitioned each time there was a change in type of play—from best ball to alternate shot—from alternate shot to individual play. They seemed to enjoy the complexity of having to change their flawless game. This reporter spoke briefly to a man in the huge galley following the action. It was impossible not to notice the tears in the man's eyes. When questioned he replied simply, "This is the way the game is supposed to be played".

At the end of the day, Captain Mask and his team had taken first place. Captain mask used the talents of Danielle E. Mask, Jerome E. Caulk, Hilton A. Land Jr., William M. Harper, Larry J. Holbert, Floyd C. Chambers, Sr. and Douglas J. Sanders.

Captain Thomas took second place and used the talents of Joseph V. Johnson, Mark D. Cooks, Michael L. Rideau, Dr. Rick D. Heiskell and Howard O. Alridge Sr., Wanda Whitehead and Riley Whitehead. The Pro-duffers did not take the win as a given. They knew each had done what was required to prevail in their fights. One two man team had taken all of the possible points. One team member, Wanda Whitehead, had scored a hole in one on one hole and was closest to pin on another.

Third place was taken by individuals that had been inspired by the Pro-duffers to fight harder. Captain Flye used the talents of Keith L. Cooper, Thomas H. Sweeney Jr., Lorenzo J. Dixon, Harvey Lyons, Warren G. Lee Jr., Geraldine K. Brown and William C. Turnley Jr. to push the eventual winners.

When the cheering from the gallery died down and the winners were announced, the Pro-Duffers accepted graciously. They all quietly congratulated each other then left the way they came—in groups of two and four.

The crowd stood and looked up the road until the final bit of dust from their passing was

blown away by the soft breeze. A man stood by himself and silently wept. He wiped his eyes with the sleeve of his shirt and said, "That is the way the game should be played". This reporter could not agree more. This event will be covered next year by the Dallas Mourning News.