



Team Journal – Day 12

Monday 3rd April

We had a reasonably leisurely start today. The pairs competition started at 9.30. When we arrived at the range we found a stiff breeze blowing down the range. It started out as a left wind - blowing over the shooter's left shoulder but by the time we got back to 900m there was a quick-moving fishtail (left 3 to right 3). The briskness of the wind gave two blessings: first the mosquitoes which we met yesterday had either been blown away or were clinging to a blade of grass and second it kept us reasonably cool under the strong Bloemfontein sun.

The pairs had been assigned by the Captain according, presumably, to some cunning system. The match was shot at 300m and 900m, with 10 shots being fired to count at 300m and 11 at 900m, making a possible score of 210 for the team. The pace was set early on by Richard Shouler who put down a very good 50.8 at 300m (the SA v-bull is smaller than the NRA equivalent). At 900m it was his team mate, Jeremy Langley, who shone with a 55.5 in the very tricky wind conditions described above. This pairing also achieved the highest score of the GB team pairs with 203.20.



The successful pairing of Shouler and Langley.

After a break for lunch there was the teams-of-four match. The teams were created in the simplest fashion by conjoining pairs from the morning. The format of the competition was otherwise exactly the same. Top of the GB pile at our return to 300m was Nigel Ball with another 50.8 to match Rick's of this morning. At 900m it was Richard Jeens' turn to equal the high score of the morning - he scored 55.5.

When it came to the results of the foursomes match as far as the GB teams were concerned (the South African scores have yet to be revealed to us) the pairing of

Shouler and Langley were again in the limelight, with the Newcastle pair of Jonathan Holmes and your correspondent making up the team, with a total of 408.35. Pipped into second place, by a mere 3 v-bulls, was the team of Tremlett, Dix, Jeens and Holden.

Looking at the aggregate scores of the team members it was Jeremy who had put in the steadiest performance, dropping only 4 points for a 206.21. Second on the honours role was Richard Jeens (204.15) with Nick Tremlett and Nigel Ball close on his heels with 203.19 each.

Shooting finished at about 4 p.m. We then had an opportunity to socialise with our South African friends over a cold beer in the range bar while we waited for the official rifle-weighing to start at 5 p.m. Certification of the rifles took about 1 hour, Thereafter there was, in no particular order, shopping to be done at the local supermarket (keeping those orphans fed), tomorrow's bullets to be pushed, dinner to be found and eaten and so on.

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BALL WOODBY } 200¹⁷
 CALVERT CHARLTON } 202.15¹⁵
 FITZ GRIGGS } 200¹³
 CAPTAIN } 199¹⁴
 HATWARD } 198¹⁴

JEENS } 195¹⁸
 HOLDEN } 196¹¹
 LANGLEY } 206.21¹
 SHOULER } 201.16²
 TREMLETT } 203.19³
 DIX } 201.17⁴

HOCKLEY } 35.2¹²
 HAWARD } 49.7³
 COLLINGS } 197.12⁵
 DEANE } 194.9⁸

FITZ } 51.4⁴
 BALL WOODBY } 52.4⁴

CALVERT } 47.3³
 CHARLTON } 49.6⁶
 WATSON } 201.18⁸
 BUTTON } 193.4⁷

LANGLEY } 206.21¹
 SHOULER } 201.16²
 HOLMES } 408.35

	300m	900m	300m	900m	Agg
Captain	49.3	50.1	48.4	49.3	196.11
Chris Fitzpatrick	50.7	51.4	45.4	53.5	199.20
Jonathan Haward	48.7	52.2	49.5	51.3	200.17
Nick Tremlett	50.4	53.6	48.5	52.4	203.19
David Calvert	47.3	53.3	50.6	53.3	203.15
Stuart Collings	45.1	50.1	49.5	53.5	197.12
Nigel Ball	48.4	52.3	50.8	53.4	203.19
Matt Button	46.3	48.2	47.5	52.1	193.4
Paul Charlton	49.6	53.3	46.4	54.2	202.15
John Deane	48.3	50.2	47.1	49.2	194.9
Rupert Dix	48.0	50.0	49.6	54.3	201.3
Peter Griggs	49.3	50.5	48.6	54.4	201.18
Peter Holden	48.4	47.1	49.4	52.2	196.11
Jonathan Holmes	48.3	53.3	49.7	51.4	201.17
Richard Jeens	48.4	52.3	49.3	55.1	204.15
Jeremy Langley	48.4	55.5	50.7	53.5	206.21
Richard Shouler	50.8	50.3	48.3	53.4	201.16
Alistair Speirs	49.5	50.2	50.0	54.2	203.12
James Watson	47.5	48.1	49.8	52.4	201.18
Alexander Woodward	47.6	53.4	47.2	51.2	198.14

TREMLETT }
 DIX } 408.32
 JEENS }
 HOLDEN }

For full details - here is today's score sheet at the end of the day.