



Team Journal – Day 14

Wednesday 5th April

Today we have team shoots - in the morning the Hamilton Cup and in the afternoon the Rhodes Cup. Both matches are for teams of six; the Hamilton Cup over a Queens I course of fire (7 to count at 300, 500 and 600m) and the Rhodes Cup ten shots to count at 800 and 900m. The GB Team had 3 teams entered in each cup, borrowing Judy to make up the 18th place (given 3 non-shooting coaches). To give shooters maximum exposure to coaches (or possibly the other way round) each team changes for each competition.

The Hamilton Cup started at 8 a.m. so it was a reasonably early start for all (although earlier is to come tomorrow). When we arrived, and pretty much throughout the 300m detail, the flags slumped limply against the poles. No wind meant mosquitoes and consequently copious amounts of Deet were employed. (Our thanks to our observant and alert reader who pointed out that, due to a typo, Sunday's blog seemed to suggest that the team was deploying a depilatory cream against the insects. For the record, no team member is currently using Veet.)

In the Hamilton it was Stuart's team that took a lead at 300m (albeit by only 3 v-bulls from Nick's, both dropping only 2 from a possible 210). At 500m it was even closer - both Nick's team and Stuart's went clean with only 1 v separating them. At 600m, however the Chief Coaches' team turned the tables on Stuart's, pulling forward by 3 points. The results in order, therefore were: Nick's team (Scott-Langley, Captain, Vice Captain, Holmes, Shouler and your correspondent) (624.63 ex 630) Stuart's (621.70) and David's (615.60). There were three 105s, from Jonathan Holmes (15 v-bulls), Jeremy Langley (12) and your correspondent (8).

Although we have not had the official results, we are reliably informed that these scores gave the GB Team first and second places in the Hamilton Cup. If correct, this would indeed be an excellent result.

At lunchtime we received some further good news about results. Following on from his success this morning, Nick was declared winner of the Scottish Sword and Peter Griggs picked up 2nd place. In all the GB Team picked up six of the top ten places (also included were David (4th), your correspondent (7th), Jeremy (8th) and Stuart (9th). But Nick's triumphs did not stop there - he also was captain of the winning team in yesterday's Dewar Shield. Yesterday was a very successful day for the team.



A cheerful Pete Holden enjoys a little sunshine

In the afternoon the wind had picked up a little - mainly right-handed but moving through zero to left wind at times. With a light wind only, we had our hottest day so far in Bloem - the not-entirely reliable thermometer of a mobile phone recorded 35C, 95F (probably reading a little on the high side was the consensus).

With the bit clearly firmly between his teeth, Nick coached his team into a 1 point lead over David's team at 800m (although, it has to be said, with a much poorer v-bull count). At 900m, however, the tables were turned on Nick and David's team returned to the buses with 2 less points dropped at this range. This meant that David's team (Griggs, Deane, Woodward, Holmes, Shouler and your correspondent) won the inter-GB Rhodes Cup (no scores are available for other teams) with 583.50 from Nick's team's 582.39 and Stuart's 579.49 (you now see what I mean about that v-bull count proffered by the Chief Coach's team).

At long range the star was Richard Shouler who achieved the only 100 - with a pair of 50.4s. The daily aggregate was also headed by Rick - who dropped only 1 point all

day (at 600m) for 204.16. He was closely followed by Jonathan Holmes, who provided by far the best v count (203.27), and James Watson (203.23).



GB shottist-of-the-day Rick - clearly pleased with today's result and/or the cold fizzy drink

All in all our first three days at Bloem have gone very well and we have had significant success already. Tomorrow the SABU Championship starts in earnest (hence the exceeding early start) and we have our first full international match. We look forward to more days of excellent weather, shooting conditions and, hopefully, scores.

Once back at Bains Lodge there was, after due consideration by the management, a meeting at which the team for tomorrow's RSA International Match was announced as follows:

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| Captain | The Captain |
| Adjutant | Jonathan Haward |
| Coaches: | Nick Tremlett Stuart Collings David Calvert |
| Shooters: | Chris Fitzpatrick Rupert Dix Peter Griggs James Watson Nigel Ball Jonathan Holmes Alistair Speirs Richard Jeens Rick Shouler Alex Woodward Jeremy Langley Paul Charlton |
| Plotter | Matt Button |

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| | TREMLETT | | | | CALVERT | | | | COLLINGS | | | WEDNESDAY | |
|--------------------|----------|------|------|--------|---------|------|-------|--------|----------|------|-------|-----------|-------|
| | 300m | 500m | 600m | TOTAL | 300m | 500m | 600m | TOTAL | 800m | 900m | TOTAL | 5 APRIL | TOTAL |
| Captain | 34.5 | 35.4 | 34.2 | 103.1 | 48.4 | 48.5 | 96.9 | 199.20 | 48.4 | 48.8 | 96.12 | 200.20 | |
| Chris Fitzpatrick | 35.3 | 35.4 | 34.1 | 104.8 | 48.4 | 48.8 | 96.12 | 197.12 | 49.1 | 47.3 | 96.4 | 197.12 | |
| Jonathan Haward | 33.3 | 35.4 | 33.1 | 101.8 | | | | | | | | | |
| Nick Tremlett | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| David Calvert | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stuart Collings | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nigel Ball | 35.5 | 35.5 | 34.2 | 104.12 | 49.2 | 48.3 | 97.5 | 201.17 | 49.5 | 48.4 | 97.9 | 196.19 | |
| Matt Button | 33.3 | 34.4 | 32.3 | 99.10 | 50.2 | 48.2 | 98.4 | 202.18 | 48.2 | 47.2 | 97.3 | 201.21 | |
| Paul Charlton | 35.5 | 35.6 | 34.3 | 104.14 | 50.7 | 47.2 | 97.3 | 200.14 | 48.4 | 48.4 | 96.8 | 199.17 | |
| John Deane | 34.2 | 35.6 | 35.4 | 104.12 | 50.3 | 44.2 | 94.5 | 196.16 | 49.4 | 46.4 | 95.8 | 199.17 | |
| Rupert Dix | 34.3 | 35.3 | 33.0 | 102.6 | 49.5 | 49.7 | 98.12 | 203.27 | 50.3 | 44.2 | 94.5 | 196.16 | |
| Peter Griggs | 35.5 | 35.3 | 34.1 | 104.9 | 48.2 | 48.5 | 96.7 | 200.19 | 49.4 | 46.4 | 95.8 | 199.17 | |
| Peter Holden | 34.5 | 35.4 | 33.2 | 102.11 | 48.2 | 48.5 | 96.7 | 200.19 | 50.3 | 44.2 | 94.5 | 196.16 | |
| Jonathan Holmes | 35.6 | 35.5 | 35.4 | 105.15 | 49.5 | 49.7 | 98.12 | 203.27 | 49.5 | 49.7 | 98.12 | 203.27 | 2 |
| Richard Jeens | 35.4 | 35.5 | 34.3 | 104.12 | 48.2 | 48.5 | 96.7 | 200.19 | 48.2 | 48.5 | 96.7 | 200.19 | |
| Jeremy Langley | 35.3 | 35.5 | 35.4 | 105.12 | 49.7 | 48.3 | 97.10 | 202.22 | 49.7 | 48.3 | 97.10 | 202.22 | |
| Richard Shouler | 35.2 | 35.4 | 34.2 | 104.8 | 50.4 | 50.4 | 100.8 | 204.16 | 50.4 | 50.4 | 100.8 | 204.16 | 1 |
| Alistair Speirs | 35.3 | 35.4 | 35.1 | 105.8 | 50.6 | 48.4 | 98.10 | 203.18 | 50.6 | 48.4 | 98.10 | 203.18 | |
| James Watson | 35.5 | 35.6 | 34.3 | 104.14 | 49.5 | 50.4 | 99.9 | 203.23 | 49.5 | 50.4 | 99.9 | 203.23 | 3 |
| Alexander Woodward | 35.5 | 35.3 | 33.1 | 103.9 | 48.3 | 47.0 | 95.3 | 198.12 | 48.3 | 47.0 | 95.3 | 198.12 | |
| JUDY SCOTT-LANGLEY | 34.5 | 35.6 | 36.4 | 103.15 | 50.5 | 47.1 | 97.6 | 200.21 | 50.5 | 47.1 | 97.6 | 200.21 | |

As always - the raw data of the day, straight from the side of the stats bus.

Yesterday's results

Scottish Sword

- 1 21 3022 TREMLETT, N GREAT BRITAIN A 99 9
- 2 57 6031 GRIGGS, PD A 99 8
- 3 191 55 DODDS, DMC 5409105216087 A 99 6
- 4 10 3001 CALVERT, D RAF A 98 13
- 5 90 388 CULLINAN, SW 6201225064086 A 98 12

6 25 305 HAASBROEK, PA 7111045036082 A 98 11
7 20 6063 SPEIRS, A A 98 10
8 19 3009 LANGLEY, J GREAT BRITAIN A 98 9
9 14 3006 COLLINGS, S GREAT BRITAIN A 98 9
10 217 6022 GADDIE, V A U/19 98 7

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Dewar Teams

1 North London Rifle 585 54
2 Pretoria East A 582 52
3 Wonderboom Green 581 47
4 Witwatersrand A 580 51
5 Baviaanspoort A 580 50
6 Pretoria Military A 579 47
7 Bloem A 578 46
8 English 20 577 44
9 Pretoria Military B 577 34
10 Spes Bona 574 36
11 Boshoff 573 43
12 London Middle Sex 568 32

* We will normally only display the top 10 places in the diary - our webmaster assures us that the full list will be available elsewhere on the site - but the rendering of the name of David's team, in 12th place, by the stats office was deemed worthy of inclusion.