



Team Journal – Day 15

Thursday 6th April

As noted yesterday we had an early early start today - the opening ceremony was at 7 a.m. so light was just breaking as we loaded the buses and set off for the range. When the day did dawn it was obvious that it was going to be another bright hot day. The opening ceremony consisted of a scripture reading, a very appropriate speech from General Alexander and the flag-raising ceremony. As the flags went up it became apparent that the Captain had been inappropriately briefed - the form, it seemed, was for the South African flag to be raised inch by inch so that it reached the top of the pole as the national anthem finished, followed by the raising of the flags of the other nations. The Captain was rather quick of the mark and beat the South African flag by a good minute. It seems, however, that our hosts took this faux pas in their stride.



The Captain (2 left of the South African flagpole) wins the flag race comfortably

The first shoot of the day was the Orange Free State Cup, a Queens I shoot, which constitutes the start of the SABU Championship. Conditions were not easy. At 300m we started off with a left wind but by 500m there was a right wind. At 600m it was less decisive with at least two shifts through zero per detail (so exciting was this that your correspondent made a mistake that he has not made for over a decade and retreated from R1½ to zero the wrong way - it turns out that 3 minutes from the centre is magpie territory). After the three ranges there were six team members who had gone clean. The field was led by Jonathan Holmes and David Calvert with 14 vs followed by Jeremy (12) Nigel and Stuart (10) and the Vice Captain (9).

At lunchtime there was a significant domestic disaster when Richard Shouler went to look for his lunch. Owing to a miscommunication he alighted upon and ate the provisions of Richard Jeens. Reciprocation proved impossible because of the liberal portion of mustard in Shouler's sandwiches.

After lunch there was our first full international match - the RSA International. This match is shot with teams of 12 at 800m and 900m, 15 to count at each range. We were up against a full South African International Team so this would be our first major test. The Chief Coach claims that the wind was (expletive deleted) difficult, a rapidly changing fishtail from about 5 right to 1 left. At 800m we more than held our own - we won that range by 3 points. However at 900m the South African team pulled ahead, putting in some very consistent scores. The end result was that the South Africans beat us by 22 points.

MATCH		SA TEAM															C. COACH		H. JACOBS		ADJ. DE BEER		TOTAL	
DIST	TEAM	S	S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	TOT	800	900	TOTAL		
C 1	FWC Coetzee	4	X	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	70	5	73.8	70.5	143.13	
2	CA Van Niekerk	8	8	5	5	5	5	V	4	V	5	5	5	5	V	5	V	74	4	73.4	76.4	147.8		
3	TB Hunter	8	X	5	V	5	V	V	V	5	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	75	11	76.8	75.11	149.19	
4	AP Van Niekerk	8	8	5	5	V	V	V	V	5	4	V	5	V	4	4	V	4	71	6	76.6	71.6	145.12	
C 5	JG Du Toit	4	8	5	5	V	V	V	V	4	5	5	5	5	4	4	5	4	V	71	4	72.8	71.4	145.12
6	IC Jonck	8	X	5	V	V	V	V	V	5	V	V	5	5	V	4	5	4	V	73	8	74.6	73.8	147.14
7	PJ Van Zyl	8	8	5	5	5	5	V	4	5	5	V	V	5	5	5	5	5	74	3	69.4	76.3	143.7	
8	DMC Dodds	8	8	5	5	4	5	V	V	V	V	4	5	4	V	4	V	4	70	6	74.5	70.6	144.11	
C 9	GJP Burger	4	4	5	5	V	5	5	V	4	5	3	5	5	V	5	4	5	71	3	73.6	71.3	144.9	
10	JJ Bruwer	3	8	5	4	4	V	5	4	V	5	V	V	4	5	V	V	V	71	7	73.3	71.7	144.10	
11	EA Van Der Vyver	4	8	5	5	5	4	5	5	V	5	V	5	V	5	5	5	5	74	3	70.4	74.3	144.7	
12	R Hayter	4	8	5	5	5	5	V	V	V	5	5	5	5	V	V	4	5	76	5	74.8	74.5	143.13	
C 13																					85.70	86.85	1743.135	
14																								
15																								
16																								
		TOT																						

The South African scoreboard ...

900m T-4-6

MATCH. DIST.	TEAM.	GB	CAPT.	W/C DR C/J HOCKLEY	C. COACH.	NICK TREMLETT	ADJ.	HAWARD	TOTAL													
SHOOTER	S	S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	TOT	800	900		
C 1	WATSON	5	4	V	4	5	3	V	V	V	5	4	5	4	2	V	5	67 ⁵	71 ⁵	67 ⁵	139 ¹⁰	
2	DIX	X	X	V	V	5	4	V	4	4	5	4	4	V	5	4	V	69 ⁵	74 ³	69 ⁵	143 ⁸	
3	HOLMES	4	V	V	4	V	V	5	5	5	V	5	5	4	V	V	5	73 ⁶	75 ⁷	73 ⁶	148 ⁹	
4	BALL	X	X	5	V	V	5	V	V	4	5	5	4	5	V	V	5	73 ⁶	74 ¹²	73 ⁶	147 ¹⁸	
C 5	GRIGGS	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	V	V	V	5	5	4	5	4	V	72 ⁴	73 ³	72 ⁴	145 ⁷	
6	SHOULDER	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	V	V	5	5	4	V	74 ³	74 ⁶	74 ³	148 ⁹	
7	JEENS	X	X	5	5	5	V	V	4	5	5	4	4	V	5	5	V	72 ⁴	74 ⁷	72 ⁴	146 ¹¹	
8	FITZPATRICK	X	X	V	5	V	V	5	4	4	5	4	5	4	5	4	V	69 ⁴	74 ⁵	69 ⁴	143 ⁹	
C 9	CHARLTON	V	4	4	V	4	5	5	5	5	3	4	V	5	4	5	5	69 ²	73 ⁵	69 ²	142 ⁷	
10	WOODWARD	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	V	5	4	5	V	5	V	5	V	70 ⁴	72 ⁷	70 ⁴	142 ¹¹	
11	SPEIRS	4	X	V	4	5	4	4	V	4	5	4	4	5	5	5	V	68 ⁵	71 ⁶	68 ³	139 ⁹	
12	LANGLEY	4	4	4	V	4	4	5	5	3	5	5	4	4	V	V	4	67 ⁴	72 ²	67 ⁴	139 ⁶	
C 13																						
14																			87 ⁸	84 ⁵⁰	87 ⁸	172 ¹³
15																						
16																						

... and the GB Team board.



The team smiles though the pain

Top GB shottist of the day was Jonathan Holmes, who not only shared the honours with David Calvert this morning but also put in the top team score with 148.13.



Here we see Jonathan modelling the team rugby shirt



Nick is allowed to play with the Scottish Sword which he won on Tuesday

After the match we had a beer or two with the South African team at the bar on the range. Afterwards it was off to the Beef Baron for our first team dinner at Bloem.

Results from yesterday and this morning

Rhodes

1	Witwatersrand A	587	50
2	Baviaanspoort A	587	43
3	Pretoria East A	583	58
	British		
4	Commonwealth Red	583	50
5	English 20	582	39
6	London Middelsex	579	49
7	Uitenhage	578	41
8	Pretoria Military A	576	45
9	Potchefstroom	575	42
10	Sishen	574	39

FREESTATE

1	JONCK, JC	7306085115081	105	17
2	CALVERT, D	RAF	105	14
3	HOLMES, JM		105	14
4	BOTHA, WA	4407265041080	105	13
5	BREEDT, TF	6903085073087	105	12
6	LANGLEY, J	GREAT BRITAIN	105	12
7	BRAMLEY, PD	560619508089	105	11
8	Ball, N	1956/10/05	105	10
9	COLLINGS, S	GREAT BRITAIN	105	10
10	FITZPATRICK, C	RAF	105	9

HAMILTON

	British Commonwealth		
1	Blue	624	65
	British Commonwealth		
2	Red	621	70
3	Pretoria East A	621	66
4	Witwatersrand A	621	65
5	Bloem A	621	64
6	Baviaanspoort A	619	61
7	Pretoria Military B	619	50
8	Spes Bona	617	58
	British Commonwealth		
9	Green	615	60
10	Uitenhage	614	56