

23rd/24th August 2007

By The Correspondents

Thursday was a rest day – in official parlance a “rain/rescue day” – and boy did we rest! Boy did it rain, too – a brilliant choice of rain day. A few people caught up on the Bourne Ultimatum and there was a lot of lying-in and general relaxation after a fair few had taken advantage of the opportunity for a night on the town followed by a near-dawn finish in the hotel bar courtesy of Irina and Mel. The day’s rest was much appreciated by all, and was completed by dinner at the hotel, at Mario’s and at La Pointe fish restaurant, which this correspondent heartily recommends to all future visitors to Ottawa.

Given that many of the team were woken on Friday by a thunderstorm (with lightning 500 yards away) and howling wind at 04:30 this morning, it was little surprise that when we later rose it was a very overcast morning with plenty of wind. It was also an exceptionally humid morning, making it feel considerably hotter than it actually was.

The final match of the Grand Agg, the Gatineau, was shot on details from 08:00 onwards this morning with the competitors squadded according to their order in the match so far. The supposedly easy detail at 08:00 was anything but, with wind from 5 to 11 minutes and back to 8. The top detail was at 09:30, when the wind was running a fair 9 ½ to 11 ½ minutes left, with changes from the high to low end of the bracket; however this did not stop a number of the team putting in maximum scores of 75 at 900 metres. Parag Patel won the hollow group trophy with a 75.3 and David Luckman managed a strong 75.10 to tie for first place, but the story of the morning was Toby Raincock’s assured 75.7 leaving him three points clear of the nearest contender, Sherri Hurd of the USA Young Eagles (Under 25) Team. Having fired his final to count there was a nervous wait before it came up a clear vee-bull. He rolled on his back and punched the air in delight at his victory, and coming off there was a grin on his face that will probably be there for a number of days yet.



Anton's armouring skills have been in considerable demand both within the team and from other teams also sharing in the rash of trigger problems which seems to have swept Connaught this year. So far he's fixed people's rifles across half a dozen nations, much to their relief, with today the day that most of the Kenyans visited. He really should start charging them more.

After losing the Outlander to the Australians and the Americans the day before yesterday, the early afternoon was spent in preparation for the biggest Commonwealth (long range) Match for 25 years, with pushing back of ammunition, Anton checking rifles, and some of the team assembling the world's least friendly gazebo. At least the metalwork was industrial grade and could clearly withstand the worst that the range could throw at us, along with earthquakes and possibly a minor meteor strike. Moving out on to the range after our team briefing for a 13:30 start, the humidity and heat were even more oppressive; although the brisk breeze did help keep us a little cooler. Averaging out at 8 ½ minutes at 800 metres, the wind was relatively steady and GB made a good start with only three points dropped for a score of 597 ex 600, four points ahead of the USA and South African teams. We shot briskly and were first off the range, just as the wind started to freshen and square up to nearly nine o'clock.

Back at 900 metres, the sun had started to come out, but there was still broken cloud which gave rise to occasional sight picture problems, but avoiding firing during the change in weather seemed to

help the shooters maintain a good elevation. Ready to go on time, the captain and head coach made the decision not to start for about ten minutes to see if the wind would settle. When a smoother patch of wind arrived, the first firers duly lead off at a good pace. The wind went through a number of turbulent patches which some teams elected to shoot through, but the team tried a strategy of waiting for smoother phases and then getting shots down in short order, which (other than where slow marking prevented it) seemed to enable us to avoid the lower scoring shots that one or two other teams had. The final result mirrored the order after 900 yards, with Team GB four points ahead of the Americans and a further two points ahead of the South Africans. The team also had some thirty one vee-bulls more than the USA, indicating the quality of the ammunition that was prepared for us and of the firers' shooting.

At the end of a great day's shooting, the Captain, Vice-Captain, victuallers and Toby all attended the MacDonald Stewart dinner in Ottawa; however there remained the question of who would be his date for the evening. The only possible choice was his coach, Matt Ensor, even if the Chateau Laurier had no "Gay".

Others on the team had a quick celebratory glass before heading (mostly to the Cock and Bull) for dinner and retiring early to prepare for a 6:30am departure ahead of the Canada Match the next morning.

Results

The MacDonald-Stewart Grand Aggregate

1. RAINCOCK, TOBY, GBRT	828v100
2. HURD, SHERRI, USA YOUNG EAGLES	825v101
3. CUNNINGHAM, KEITH, BURNT RIVER, ON	825v80
7. LUCKMAN, DAVID, GBRT	823v111
8. PATEL, PARAG, GBRT	823v96
10. PUGSLEY, JOHN, DEVON, UK	823v88
12. ARMSTRONG, DAVID, GBRT	822v103
19. BALL, NIGEL, GBRT	820v94
21. MC QUILLAN, ROSS, GBRT	820v89
32. HOLDEN, PETER, GBRT	818v102
34. UNDERWOOD, JON, GBRT	818v99
36. LUCKMAN, ANDY, GBRT	818v84
38. CALVERT, DAVID, GBRT	817v106
39. BRASIER, NICK, GBRT	817v88
48. DYSON, DAVID, GBRT	816v88
50. MESSER, JANE, GBRT	816v86

The Polar Bear Aggregate

1. RAINCOCK, TOBY, GBRT	593v69
2. ENSLIN, DARREN, AUSTRALIA	591v63
3. CUNNINGHAM, KEITH, BURNT RIVER, ON	591v54
8. LUCKMAN, DAVID, GBRT	589v75
11. MC QUILLAN, ROSS, GBRT	589v61
12. PUGSLEY, JOHN, DEVON, UK	589v61
13. PATEL, PARAG, GBRT	589v60
14. HOLDEN, PETER, GBRT	588v74
18. ARMSTRONG, DAVID, GBRT	587v69
20. BALL, NIGEL, GBRT	587v65

28. UNDERWOOD, JON, GBRT	585v69
34. BRASIER, NICK, GBRT	585v62
36. DYSON, DAVID, GBRT	585v59
39. LUCKMAN, ANDY, GBRT	584v59
42. LANGLEY, JEREMY, GBRT	584v52

The Gzowski Aggregate

1. MC QUILLAN, ROSS, GBRT	224v23
2. RAINCOCK, TOBY, GBRT	224v22
3. ENSLIN, DARREN, AUSTRALIA	224v17
12. DIX, RUPERT, GBRT	222v20
16. PATEL, PARAG, GBRT	222v14
17. LUCKMAN, DAVID, GBRT	221v28
21. PUGSLEY, JOHN, DEVON, UK	221v20
26. HOLDEN, PETER, GBRT	220v27
31. LUCKMAN, ANDY, GBRT	220v22
32. ARMSTRONG, DAVID, GBRT	220v21
33. BRASIER, NICK, GBRT	220v21
37. CALVERT, DAVID, GBRT	220v19

The Gatineau (2 + 10 @ 900M)

1= YOUNG, KEN, AUSTRALIA	75v10
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3. ENSLIN, DARREN, AUSTRALIA	75v8
6. RAINCOCK, TOBY, GBRT	75v7
13. PATEL, PARAG, GBRT	75v3
24. BRASIER, NICK, GBRT	74v7
27. CALVERT, DAVID, GBRT	74v7
29. MC QUILLAN, ROSS, GBRT	74v7
38. WATSON, JAMES, GBRT	74v5
48. DIX, RUPERT, GBRT	74v3

The Klondike Aggregate

1. RAINCOCK, TOBY, GBRT	454v54
2. HURD, SHERRI, USA YOUNG EAGLES	454v51
3. CUNNINGHAM, KEITH, BURNT RIVER, ON	453v51
4. PUGSLEY, JOHN, DEVON, UK	453v48
9. ARMSTRONG, DAVID, GBRT	451v56
10. PATEL, PARAG, GBRT	451v55
14. BALL, NIGEL, GBRT	451v46
22. LUCKMAN, ANDY, GBRT	450v43
26. HOLDEN, PETER, GBRT	449v51
29. MESSER, JANE, GBRT	449v48
37. LUCKMAN, DAVID, GBRT	448v57
40. UNDERWOOD, JON, GBRT	448v52
44. LANGLEY, JEREMY, GBRT	448v46

The Commonwealth Match (2 + 10 @ 800M & 900M)

1. GREAT BRITAIN	1175v142
LUCKMAN, DAVID	100.17

HOLDEN, PETER	100.14
DYSON, DAVID	99.14
RAINCOCK, TOBY	99.12
LUCKMAN, ANDY	99.8
ARMSTRONG, DAVID	98.12
PATEL, PARAG	98.12
JEENS, RICHARD	98.11
UNDERWOOD, JON	98.11
MCQUILLAN, ROSS	97.13
BRASIER, NICK	96.11
DIX, RUPERT	93.7

(Coaches: Hinchliffe, Charlton, Ensor, Roberts)

2. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	1171.110
3. SOUTH AFRICA	1169.97
4. AUSTRALIA	1166.105
5. NEW ZEALAND	1155.94
6. CANADA	1145.96
7. GERMANY	1137.77
8. CHANNEL ISLANDS	1132.78
9. WEST INDIES	1112.61
10. KENYA	1083.76

The Victoria Rifles

1. BCRC SQUIRRELS	T437	MMXXT	886v89
MC QUILLAN, ROSS, GBRT	#213	MMXXT	224v23
BALL, NIGEL, GBRT	# 9	MMXXT	218v22
LUCKMAN, ANDY, GBRT	#211	MMXXT	220v22
RAINCOCK, TOBY, GBRT	#217	MMXXT	224v22
2. BCRC WARTHOGS	T438	MMXXT	881v82
CALVERT, DAVID, GBRT	#201	MMXXT	220v19
LUCKMAN, DAVID, GBRT	#212	MMXXT	221v28
UNDERWOOD, JON, GBRT	#221	MMXXT	218v21
PATEL, PARAG, GBRT	#216	MMXXT	222v14

TR/'F' Class Pairs

1. CAPITAL CLUB	T429	MMXAF	1824
RATHWELL, DALE, ARUNDEL, QC	#396	MMXAF	935
TREMBLAY, PAUL, QUEBEC, QC	# 38	MMXAT	809
2. OLD GUILDFORDIANS	T430	MMXXO	1815
CHARLTON, MATT, GBRT	#202	MMXXT	800
RUMBOLD, DAVE, OTTAWA, ON	#275	MMOAO	944

Commonwealth Veterans Match

1. AUSTRALIA VETS	T321	MMXXT	769v52
HAHN, GREG, AUSTRALIA	#224	MMOXT	96v6
READ, BILL, AUSTRALIA	#446	MMXXT	97v4
SKELTON, ROBERT, AUSTRALIA	#229	MMOXT	98v6

YOUNG, KEN, AUSTRALIA	#134	MMXXT	96v2
HENRY, OWEN, AUSTRALIA	#121	EMXXT	96v8
MOORE, JIM, AUSTRALIAN VETERANS TEAM	#282	EMOXT	95v10
WITTORFF, GEORGE, AUSTRALIA	# 96	MMXXT	92v7
JONES, RICHARD, AUSTRALIA	#268	MMXXT	99v9
2. UNITED STATES VETS	T320	MMXXT	762v72
TIERNEY, GERALD, PLYMOUTH, CA,USA	#256	MMOXT	88v5
NEWMAN, EDDIE, ELDRIDGE, IA, USA	#250	MMXXT	96v10
DUNIA, MICHEL, MILL VALLEY, CA USA	#240	MMOXT	98v9
GOLDSBY, BOYD, ENGLAND, AR, USA	#243	MMXXT	99v11
O CONNELL, JIM, ALAMEDA, CA USA	#258	MMXXT	97v10
SOLIS, FELIX, BOTHELL, WA USA	#254	MMXXT	96v8
O BRIEN, BRUCE, MC ALESTER, OK USA	#251	MMXXT	93v9
CHURCH, PETER, DEARBORN, MI USA	#236	MMOXT	95v10
3. GB VETS	T322	MFXXT	760v53
FUGEMAN, MIKE, GB VETS	#186	MMXXT	95v6
FAULKNER, GARNETT, GB VETS	#185	MMXXT	97v8
PAINTING, CAROL, GB VETS	#189	MFOXT	94v7
CAMBRAY, BRIAN, GB VETS	#178	MMXXT	89v7
CHOWN, ANDY, GB VETS	#182	MMXXT	96v7
HORROCKS, DICK, GB VETS	#187	MMXXT	97v5
PUGH, KEITH, GB VETS	#190	MMXXT	95v8
CHESHIRE, COLIN, GB VETS	# 34	MMOXT	97v5

Under 25 Long Range International

1. GB UNDER 25	T329	MMMXT	771v57
HUNTER, TOM, GB U25	#403	MMMXT	96v7
HOYLE, ALEX, GB U25	#402	MMMXT	96v8
LAWRIE, JAMES, GB U25	#406	MMMXT	94v4
WALKER, ALEXANDER, GB U25	#411	MMMXT	99v6
SEEBOHM, PETER, GB U25	#410	MMMXT	98v12
WELFORD, ED, GB U25	#412	MMMXT	99v9
KENT, JON, GB U25	#405	MMMXT	96v7
BLAKE, DANIEL, GB U25	#399	MMMXT	93v4
2. AUSTRALIA U25	T327	MFMXT	755v56
MC LAURIN, XAVIER, AUSTRALIA	#621	MFMXT	99v8
YOUNG, ERICA, AUSTRALIA	#622	MFMXT	96v5
OWEN, MORGAN, AUSTRALIA	#418	MMMXT	88v2
MITCHELL, JOHN-ROSS, AUSTRALIA	#623	MMMXT	93v10
SMITH, DEAN, AUSTRALIA	#617	MMMXT	91v5
ANGELATOS, CHLOE, AUSTRALIA	#618	MFMXT	98v11
SMITH, NATHAN, AUSTRALIA	#633	MMMXT	95v8
BROWN, DAVID, AUSTRALIA	#620	MMMXT	95v7
3. UNITED STATES U25	T328	MFMXT	752v55
OHLINGER, SAM, USA YOUNG EAGLES	#170	MMMXT	95v9
KOVAC, JOSEPH, USA YOUNG EAGLES	#163	MMMXT	94v10
WESEL, ANDREW, USA YOUNG EAGLES	#173	EMMXT	91v5
TAYLOR, SAMANTH, USA YOUNG EAGLES	#172	MFMXT	93v5
LEISTER, CURT, USA YOUNG EAGLES	#165	MMMXT	97v8
FIEGEL, KYLE, USA YOUNG EAGLES	#157	MMMXT	94v8
LITTLEFIELD, DAVE, USA YOUNGE EAGLES	#167	MMMXT	92v5
HUDAK, JEFF, USA YOUNG EAGLES	#160	MMMXT	96v5
4. CANADA UNDER 25	T330	MFMBT	696v42

IPPOLITO, CHRISTOPHER, CL MKSMAN COA	#479	EMMAT	94v6
SCOVILLE, LAURA, CL MKSMAN COACH	#480	EFMAT	46v3
DUGAL, ALEX, NRT	#506	EMMBT	90v2
VILLENEUVE, KAYLAH, CL MKSMAN COACH	#477	EFMAT	92v6
HEARN, LAURIE, CLI MKSMAN STAFF	#511	MFMAT	93v5
TREMBLAY, JONATHAN, CL MKSMAN COACH	#475	EMMAT	95v7
PERRON, GREG, VICTORIA, BC	#305	MMMAT	92v7
FERGUSON, ALAN, CLI MKSMAN STAFF	#514	EMMAT	94v6

Under 21 Long Range International

1. US U21 YOUNG EAGLES	T325	MFMXT	758v56
LANDWEHR, BRIAN, USA YOUNG EAGLES	#164	MMMXT	96v3
ELSENBOSS, AMANDA, USA YOUNG EAGLES	#156	MFMXT	95v7
JOYCE, STEVEN, USA YOUNG EAGLES	#162	MMMXT	94v6
DONEY, ANDY, USA YOUNG EAGLES	#154	MMMXT	93v6
LIEBETRAU, KYLE, USA YOUNG EAGLES	#166	MMMXT	94v8
BACHAND, KELLY, USA YOUNG EAGLES	#152	MMMXT	93v12
MENDYKA, JEFF, USA YOUNG EAGLES	#168	MMMXT	97v9
NYBERG, JENNIFER, USA YOUNG EAGLES	#174	MFMXT	96v5
2. GB U21	T326	SMMYT	747v57
IVES, H C G, ATHELING	#295	SMMYT	87v6
WARD, T E W, ATHELING	#299	SMMYT	96v7
DICKSON, E C, ATHELING	#291	SMMYT	96v4
DAY, H A, ATHELING,	#290	SMMYT	93v11
NUTHALL, D E, ATHELING	#298	SMMYT	95v9
CREEDY, S A	#288	SMMYT	94v9
HUNTER, S G, ATHELING	#294	SMMYT	94v4
WHARRAM, T P, ATHELING	#301	SMMYT	92v7

World U21 & U25 Long Range Agg

1. SEEBOHM, PETER, GB U25	#410	MMMXT	817v86
2. JEENS, ED, GB U25	#404	MMMXT	813v86
3. RICHARDSON, DANIEL, CHANNEL ISLANDS	#116	MMMXT	813v79
4. HUNTER, TOM, GB U25	#403	MMMXT	811v73
5. WALKER, ALEXANDER, GB U25	#411	MMMXT	807v77
6. BLAKE, DANIEL, GB U25	#399	MMMXT	807v70
7. STOCK, PETER, CHANNEL ISLANDS	#119	MMMXT	805v71
8. DAY, H A, ATHELING,	#290	SMMYT	805v67
9. BORLAND, JONNY, GB U25	#400	MMMXT	804v52
10. STEYN, SEBASTIAN, SOUTH AFRICA	#337	MMMXT	802v69