



Team Journal – Part 16

Friday 27th August

Another early start for the team - when we first looked blearily out of the window of the hotel the stars were still showing. As we drove to the range the sky was blue but there were dark clouds fringing the mountains on both sides. Yesterday the word rain had been mentioned in connection with today. There was an opening ceremony at 7.45 including the firing of a small cannon. Unfortunately, because the integrity of the cannon was not certain we were sent to 300x while the cannon was fired behind the 1000x firing point. The result was a little underwhelming - those who were watching closely saw a small puff of blue smoke. The allegation, however, that Alwyn had filched half the powder to make our bullets is entirely untrue.

As mentioned in yesterday's diary the match today is the K-Bob Steakhouse Match, sponsored by an establishment in Raton. The course of fire is 2 & 10 at 300x, 500x, 600x, 900x and 1000x. Because it was necessary for each of the four teams of four to provide a pit-marker at all times a cunning schedule had been drawn up so that at all times there was one person firing, one register-keeping, one down in the pits and one preparing. The Vice Captain had drawn up just such a schedule which he declared "completely muppet-proof".

The morning was hot and sunny with a reasonably strong, fickle wind. At 600x the coaches were calling between 4 right and 1 left, although the Vice Captain asserted that the maximum was 2½ right. When we broke for lunch after 600x the Vice Captain's team was 4 points in the lead from Jeremy's team, as far as the GBRT was concerned.

After lunch at long range the coaches had their work cut out to keep shots somewhere near the centre of the black (and at 1000x it was a question of keeping them in the black at all). David Richards team came on very strongly at long range, losing only 2 points at 900x, and passed both the teams ahead of them to come out 7 points ahead. Top score of the day went to Mary Boston with an excellent 496.29 (dropping only 4 points over the 5 ranges), followed by Jon Underwood with 496.26 and Jane Messer with 496.23.

We drove home under a glowering sky - it seems as though the estimate of rain today may not be too far off. On the way Jon Cload ran over and killed a rattlesnake so, in the Rattlesnake Challenge Cup it is GBRT 1 - Rattlesnakes 0.



The underwhelming cannon



Nick explains where he (ed. - deliberately ambiguous) went wrong



We came home under a glowering sky.

K-Bob's Steakhouse Team Match

Coach: David Richards

Firers	300y	v	500y	v	600y	v	900y	v	1000	v	TOTAL	v
Jon Underwood	100	6	100	8	98	4	100	3	98	5	496	26
Toby Raincock	99	6	100	5	99	5	99	5	96	3	493	24
Parag Patel	99	5	100	7	96	3	100	5	98	4	493	24
Martin Millar	99	7	99	7	99	3	99	4	94	6	490	27
Totals:	397	24	399	27	392	15	398	17	386	18	1972	101

Coach: Nick Hinchliffe

Firers	300y	v	500y	v	600y	v	900y	v	1000	v	TOTAL	v
Mary Boston	100	5	100	8	99	5	99	4	98	7	496	29
Jane Messer	100	6	99	4	100	6	98	2	99	5	496	23
James Lewis	100	6	100	5	99	6	98	5	95	4	492	26
Ross McQuillan	99	2	98	6	99	5	96	5	89	0	481	18
Totals:	399	19	397	23	397	22	391	16	381	16	1965	96

Coach: John Webster

Firers	300y	v	500y	v	600y	v	900y	v	1000	v	TOTAL	v
Jon Cload	100	7	100	8	98	3	99	5	97	4	494	27
James Watson	99	7	98	2	99	5	97	4	95	2	488	20
Nigel Ball	99	4	98	6	97	4	96	3	96	3	486	20
Alwyn McLean	98	2	100	4	96	4	100	5	90	1	484	16
Totals:	396	20	396	20	390	16	392	17	378	10	1952	83

Coach: Jeremy Langley

Firers	300y	v	500y	v	600y	v	900y	v	1000	v	TOTAL	v
David Luckman	100	7	99	5	100	7	100	3	94	2	493	24
Andy Luckman	98	3	99	5	98	4	100	4	94	1	489	17
Alistair Speirs	99	4	97	4	100	7	94	2	97	2	487	19
Erica McMullan	100	6	100	5	99	4	92	2	92	2	483	19
Totals:	397	20	395	19	397	22	386	11	377	7	1952	79