



GREAT BRITAIN
RIFLE TEAM

CANADA & USA
TOUR 2004

Team Journal – Part 8

Thursday 19th August



After shooting yesterday we headed back to our hotel, for a quick beer, a number of pizzas and a shower, before heading back to the range to host our reception. Ross McQuillan had scoured Ottawa and returned with a sufficient number of bottles of Pimms to make the evening a success.



Good news on the Final front - 17 members of the team made it in to the top 50 and will be shooting in the final of the **Governor-Generals** on Saturday. Jon Cload and Toby Raincock (seen above, looking happy) were the most fortunate of the team members, taking the last two places at 49th =. It would later appear that their glee was premature - there was a challenge which was allowed - as a result we have the interesting prospect of a Joan/Toby tieshoot for last place in the final.

We woke this morning to a sky which was fairly blue above but with darker, threatening edges. The forecast for today and tomorrow promises reasonably good

weather, albeit with the possibility of showers, but for Saturday rain is forecast which may make for an interesting final.

At the precise moment that the Hinchliffe/Richards bus went through the camp gates at 7.30 a.m. heavy raindrops started hitting the windscreen. Your correspondent and Jon Underwood were due to shoot at 600x at 8 a.m. By the time we started the rain was persistent, by shot 3 the conditions were very bad - driving rain, the aiming mark a grey smudge in the foresight and the wind suddenly dropping from 4½ minutes to 2½ - my partner had a left handed outer (he was a very wet and unhappy American). Conditions reminiscent of a particularly bad day at Barry Budden about 5 years ago. On my next shot the centre of the face was folded in half along the vertical mid line - I scored a left and a right handed bull with that shot. Just as the rain was beginning to ease we were told to cease firing and leave our kit on the firing point. After half an hour of standing in the intermittent rain we were told that there would be a decision in another half hour. Back to the hut to dry off a little. When shooting started again, after about an hour, conditions were quite different - the wind had dropped and visibility had improved enormously. Both Jon and I felt very happy to walk away from this particular details each with a possible.



Extraordinarily by 11 a.m. - time to shoot the 300m detail of the Gibson - this was the benevolent scene which greeted us, a sky entirely innocent of its previous bad behaviour.

A trip to the stats office confirmed that David Luckman is to tieshoot with Jim Paton of BC for 1st place in the **Presidents**. Also in the top 10 are Jeremy (5th), Nigel (6th), Jon Underwood (7th) and David Calvert (8th). David Luckman won outright the **Governor General's Qualifier** shoot; the top 10 also held Jeremy (3rd), Nigel (4th), David Calvert (5th), Mary Boston (7th) and James Watson (10th). To complete the hattrick (of appearing at the top of the 3 lists issued today) David also won the **Jack Gorrie (Tuesday) Aggregate**. In that competition the Captain was 2nd, David Calvert 5th, James Watson 6th and Mary Boston 9th.

At 2.15 it was time to go out to shoot the Outlander but first we had the happy task of supporting David Luckman in his tieshoot for first place in the Presidents at 600x. David took his time but won a very close tieshoot 25.3 to 25.2 having cut his first sighter which was a 5.



David Luckman nearly cracks a smile after winning the tieshoot for the **Presidents**.

As well as winning the second stage of the **Governor General's**. David also won, today, the **Maple Leaf Agg**, the **All Comers Agg** and the **Short Range Agg** - truly a very satisfactory day for him.

Early reports are that Jane Messer has won the **Gibson**, with Toby Raincock coming second.

And so to the **Outlander**. Because of the time lost this morning it was decided that the course of fire would be 15 at 600x and 10 at 900m. After 600x we were a mere 2 points ahead of the US team. However, things became even tighter - with one shooter to go at 900m the US had taken a lead of one point. The last shooter for the US team made a 46, leaving your (happily unaware) correspondent to make at least 47. Cutting to the chase, a 48 was scored and we won the match by 1 point and a few v-bulls. The German team came third. Top scores for GBRT were Jon Cload and Mary Boston who received prizes to mark the event from the other teams.

After the match there was a rousing motivational speech from the Captain - it had been a very close run thing.

The Results in full

Gibson

	800m		300m		600x		Total	
		v		v		v		v
Jane Messer	50	4	49	6	50	6	149	16
Toby Raincock	49	3	50	5	50	7	149	15
David Luckman	48	6	50	7	50	8	148	21
Jon Underwood	50	5	48	4	50	6	148	15
Andy Luckman	48	4	50	2	50	7	148	13
John Webster	48	1	50	7	50	4	148	12
Jeremy Langley	50	5	49	5	49	2	148	12
Nigel Ball	48	4	50	5	49	4	147	13
Erica McMullan	49	5	48	3	50	4	147	12
Parag Patel	46	2	50	7	50	5	146	14
James Lewis	49	2	50	6	47	5	146	13
Alwyn McLean	47	2	50	5	49	6	146	13
David Richards	47	3	49	4	50	5	146	12
Martin Millar	48	2	50	3	48	5	146	10
David Calvert	47	7	48	5	50	7	145	19
Nick Hinchliffe	47	3	48	5	50	4	145	12
Alistair Speirs	47	3	48	2	50	5	145	10
Mary Boston	46	5	49	7	48	3	143	15
James Watson	45	3	49	3	49	7	143	13
Ross McQuillan	47	3	48	4	47	2	142	9
Jon Cload	45	1	46	2	45	2	136	5

The Outlander

Captain: John Webster
Adjutant: Nick Hinchliffe
Main Coach: Jeremy Langley
Sub Coaches: Jane Messer & David Richards

Firers	600y	v	900m	v	Total	v
Jon Cload	73	8	50	6	123	14
Mary Boston	74	9	49	5	123	14
Alwyn McLean	73	6	50	5	123	11
Erica McMullan	74	7	48	0	122	7
Alistair Speirs	73	7	48	7	121	14
Martin Millar	70	7	49	2	119	9
James Lewis	69	6	49	3	118	9
Ross McQuillan	72	5	45	4	117	9
Totals:	578	55	388	32	966	87

Grand Agg to date

		v
David Luckman	752	105
Jon Underwood	749	95
John Webster	748	86
David Calvert	746	99
Nigel Ball	746	73
Andy Luckman	745	74
Jane Messer	745	72
Parag Patel	743	83
Toby Raincock	742	82
Jeremy Langley	742	68
Mary Boston	741	86
James Watson	741	76
James Lewis	740	74
Alistair Speirs	740	68
David Richards	737	71
Alwyn McLean	736	63
Martin Millar	735	64
Jon Cload	730	69
Ross McQuillan	730	64
Erica McMullan	729	68
Nick Hinchliffe	714	44