

British Army v Scotland

The week-end of 17th-18th July saw some Scots travelling south for the annual match versus the Regular Army. Ally Aitken, a Lothian Scot, has re-surrected the range at Warminster and this was to be the battlefield. It was therefore also convenient

English Match										
Team	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	Agg	Army	Agg	
W A Murray	99	98	99	99	100	98	593	P Underhill	592	
W F Brown	97	99	100	99	100	98	593	T Cheese	588	
N B MacDonald	98	98	99	96	97	98	586	C Ferguson	577	
T F Hodgson	96	98	99	97	97	97	584	A Aitken	572	
C G DeJonckheere	97	96	99	97	96	96	581	P Blackburn	572	
D J Lumsden	97	97	98	97	93	98	580	J Williams	569	
D M Kennedy-Moffat	96	95	95	98	97	98	579	C Richards	566	
W G R Walker	94	96	97	97	98	95	577	A Graham	562	
L J Marlow	96	96	97	96	94	97	576	H Emary	559	
D Brown	96	96	95	93	93	94	567	A Trehern	552	
Team Total (best 8 scores)							4,673		4,598	

to select some Scots living nearby. In all, nine Scots were joined the fray and Debbie Brown indulged in some range practice on the Saturday.

3-Positions Match									
Team	P1	P2	S1	S3	K1	K2	Agg	Army	Agg
W A Murray	197	198	183	186	196	193	1,153	P Underhill	1102
L J Marlow	192	193	159	171	183	182	1,080	C Ferguson	1083
W F Brown	196	199	159	141	176	176	1,047	A Aitken	1024
W G R Walker	190	194	153	159	177	172	1,045	J Williams	999
N B MacDonald	196	195	133	141	159	153	977	C Richards	931
								P Blackburn	905
Team Total (best 3 scores)							3,280		3,209

Early arrivals on Friday night tried druid hunting to nearby Stonehenge but were thwarted by English Heritage who keep 'shop hours' there.

The range looked like a

railway cutting dug into the side of a chalk hill, some 20ft high, giving a good safety margin for the full-bore range behind us! All week-end, the wind was predominantly downrange, giving good shooting conditions.

Saturday saw the 3-P and 60-shot English Match at 50 metres. There were some excellent scores from 'tyros' and experts alike. A comfortable win for Scotland with Bill Murray to hold the 3-P Quaich as the top scorer for the Scottish team.

Yours truly lay down to shoot the English Match only to discover he didn't have his shooting glasses!. A borrowed pair were generously loaned for the duration.

So the English Match results showed solid performances from the top scores in both teams, with the visitors taking a lead in the prone events.

On Saturday evening, we were entertained to some light drinking, an excellent buffet curry (second helpings for pigs - lovely!) and some sabotage drinking and snooker. I can personally recommend such Saturday night preparations for relaxation and bowel movement!

Despite this, we were all up for the two relays for the Double Dewar on Sunday when the Scots maintained their form and completed the week-end with wins in all matches.

The field rations, mainly provided by Ally's wife, were readily consumed and the presentations made, with an SSRA sweatshirt and tie for Ally for organising the match. The northern Scots (2 car loads) headed north listening avidly to the car radios trying to imagine the historic struggle taking place between Greg Norman and Nick Faldo. Lynda set forth for Heathrow to go to Finland.

All in all an excellent match completed in a

competitive and friendly vein. I even managed some firing point coaching.

Double Dewar Match							
50 Metres							
Team	P1	P2	P3	P4	Agg	Army	Agg
C G DeJonckheere	95	100	99	98	392	P Underhill	397
W F Brown	97	97	98	98	390	T Cheese	387
N B MacDonald	96	98	99	98	391	M Roberts	386
T F Hodgson	98	96	95	100	389	A Aitken	382
D J Lumsden	96	96	95	98	385	J Williams	374
D M Kennedy-Moffat	96	94	96	96	382	P Blackburn	381
W G R Walker	94	97	96	95	382	H Emary	380
L J Marlow	97	94	94	95	380	A Graham	378
						A Trehern	369
						C Richards	381
Team Total (best 8 scores)					3,091		3,065
100 Yards							
Team	P1	P2	P3	P4	Agg	Army	Agg
C G DeJonckheere	98	99	96	98	391	P Underhill	393
W F Brown	95	97	96	97	385	T Cheese	390
N B MacDonald	98	94	96	96	384	M Roberts	382
T F Hodgson	96	95	99	95	385	A Aitken	381
D J Lumsden	94	97	96	98	385	J Williams	380
D M Kennedy-Moffat	95	96	96	95	382	P Blackburn	372
W G R Walker	95	93	94	96	378	H Emary	371
L J Marlow	94	94	95	94	377	A Graham	360
						A Trehern	360
						C Richards	339
Team Total (best 8 scores)					3,067		3,029
Double Dewar Total					6,158		6,094

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