

English Twenty Team vs the RAF and Home Countries Captain's Report, Bisley Date 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025 Forecast to be dry and sunny, Sunday started chilly & overcast. The match would be in the afternoon, with a practice in the morning. We decided to run the practice as a full match course of fire, including with a single sighter, and with the addition of a shoot for each of the reserves in case they were called on to shoot in the afternoon.

The practice went well, with an excellent 50.9 by Toby Raincock at 900 yards. The wind got trickier as the morning went on, and 1000 yards required full concentration from our coaches, with swift changes in strength & angle, and occasional mirage from the opposite direction to the flags.

Following a team lunch in the LMRA Members' Bar, we started the match in the afternoon with the wind remaining tricky. The time limit in the match is 1 hour 20 minutes per distance; our coaches and shooters were very efficient and we finished 900 yards in well under an hour.

The twitchy wind and smaller 2025 bullseye meant that the match outcome rested on performance at 1000 yards. After consultation amongst the coaches, we got started and tracked the wind as it changed. After several wide shots, some of the other teams decided to wait out the bigger changes while we pressed ahead. While we lost some points, the errant shots remained mostly in the black inner ring. We did have several stops, especially when the mirage contradicted the flags, but restarted after a short pause and the restarts were managed well with the early shots on all targets primarily in the bull and V.

The English Twenty team finished well ahead of our rivals, so we watched them complete their shoots – the wind continued to change, with some steadier lighter patches, so we weren't sure at the end how we had done against the other teams.

Wales had just 10 firers in their team, so for the main match all teams took their top 10 scores. With 966.88 we were 17 points and 15 V-bulls ahead of Scotland in second place, followed by Wales and then the RAF.

As the full match was for 12 firers, we compared our score of 1144.95 with the Scottish nominated team of 12 scoring 1128.85.

Top scorers for the English Twenty were Ed Feast with an excellent 99.12 and Si Whitby with 99.6. My congratulations to all the team – shooters, reserves (who plotted all day), main coach Jeremy Langley and our target coaches, and our adjutant Ashley Abrahams.

**Nick Brasier** 

## Captain: Nick Brasier

Adjutant: Ashley Abrahams

Main Coach: Jeremy Langley

| Bill Richards    | 900x  | 1000x  | x T  | otal   |
|------------------|-------|--------|------|--------|
| Jemima Hince     | 50    | .6     | 47.3 | 97.9   |
| Lucinda Taylor   | 46    | .3     | 41.2 | 87.5   |
| Nick Roberts     | 48    | .7 .   | 47.5 | 95.12  |
| James Watson     | 47    | .2 :   | 50.7 | 97.9   |
|                  | 191.1 | 19 18  | 5.17 | 376.36 |
|                  |       |        |      |        |
| Adam Leech       | 900x  | 1000x  | х Т  | otal   |
| Matt Button      | 46    | .1 4   | 45.1 | 91.2   |
| Sasha Radkovskii | 49    | .2 .   | 48.4 | 97.6   |
| Christina Cuming | 47    | .5     | 47.2 | 94.7   |
| Alistair Brown   | 49    | .5     | 47.3 | 96.8   |
|                  | 191.  | 13 18  | 7.10 | 378.23 |
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| Bruce Winney     | 900x  | _1000x |      | otal   |
| Toby Raincock    | 50    |        | 48.4 | 98.11  |
| Ryan Warren      | 49    | .7 4   | 45.1 | 94.8   |
| Ed Feast         | 50    | .7 .   | 49.5 | 99.12  |
| Si Whitby        | 50    | .3 .4  | 49.3 | 99.6   |
|                  | 199.2 | 24 19  | 1.13 | 390.37 |

| Position | Team       | Score   | Top scorer    | TS Score |
|----------|------------|---------|---------------|----------|
| 1st      | English XX | 966.088 | Ed Feast      | 99.012   |
| 2nd      | Scotland   | 949.073 | Ros Wiltshire | 97.007   |
| 3rd      | Wales      | 930.060 | Oscar Farrell | 98.009   |
| 4th      | RAF        | 911.063 | Chris Hockley | 96.006   |

NB Top 10 scores from pre-nominated 12 to count.