

PRELIMINARY MATCH - 1890 (Known as the Standard Prize)

Fired at Bisley on Saturday 19 July 1890

ENGLAND

Captain: Lt Col CT Burt
Adjutant: QM GR Gratwicke
Reserves: Sgt JH Hooton, Sgt C Harris, Sgt J Burling, Sgt TW Heath

Sgt H Bates
Pte N Chicken
Pte RBG Chicken
Pte PH Dodds
Pte JP Homer
Lt GH Hart
Pte CD Miller
Sgt CJ Parry
Cpl JH Simcock
Pte B Robinson
CSgt RH Tayton
Sgt WH Trask

847

CANADA

Captain: Lt Col EG Prior MP
Adjutant: Maj AH Todd

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JERSEY

**Captain:
Adjutant:**

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IRELAND

**Captain:
Adjutant:**

651

SCOTLAND

Captain:
Adjutant:

Pte G Gray
Sgt J Middleton
Sgt DJ Yates
Pte A DGLISH
Pte J Eassory
Pte A McMoan
Pte A McLachlan
Capt JH Young
Lt J Scott-Davidson
Sgt R Mackay
Sgt W Proctor
Cpl W Leghorn
Pte J McRobbie
Pte J Knight

The team and reserves was selected from these 14

610

There were also teams from India and Colonial Militia and Volunteers but no records can be found of these teams or their scores.

The Standard Prize was established in 1890 and was the forerunner of the Mackinnon Match. The prize was 100 guineas, given by the Proprietors of the Standard Newspaper, to be shot for by teams of 12 efficient Volunteers from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales; one team of Militia or efficient Volunteers from each British Colony or Dependency; one team of members home on leave of the Indian Staff Corps, Covenanted or Uncovenanted Indian Service, or Indian Volunteers.

It was fired at a target 6 feet square, having painted on it the figures of two men and a gun. The teams started at 650 yards with one minute's independent firing; then they proceeded to 550 yards, and had one minute's volley firing; this was repeated at 450 yards, and finally they advanced to 300 yards and had another minute's independent firing. The whole competition took eight minutes. The target represented a field gun and two gunners, life size. In effect it was a Bisley second class target with the usual bulls eye, inner, magpie, traced by circles invisible to the firer.

MATCH ONE - 1891

Fired at Bisley on Saturday 18 July

ENGLAND

Captain: Lt Col CT Burt
Adjutant: QM GR Gratwicke
Reserves: Pte CD Miller

Sgt H Bates
Maj WH Davison
LSgt A Fletcher
Sgt RL Keating
Sgt R Kemp
LCpl JH Simcock
Pte WH Trask
Pte CW Wattleworth
Cpl WM Wright
Pte N Chicken

400

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CANADA

Captain: Maj BA Weston
Adjutant: Maj WM Blaiklock

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WALES

Captain:
Adjutant:

85

JERSEY

Captain:
Adjutant:

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The Mackinnon Match was instituted in 1891 following the presentation of a Challenge Cup and a prize of £20 given by Colonel WH Mackinnon and £10 was added by the NRA.

The conditions were rapid directed volleys, ten shots, kneeling, in one minute. The match was restricted to teams of ten competitors qualified to shoot in the Queen's Prize from: England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, India and British Colonies.

However England only fired four volleys. Canada and Jersey lodged an objection as their teams fired five volleys as stipulated. Canada withdrew protest and Council disallowed objection by Jersey.

MATCH TWO - 1892

Fired at Bisley on Saturday 23 July

SCOTLAND

Captain: Capt WL Rome
Adjutant:

Sgt D Yates
Lt (G?) Stout
Pte G Gray
1 x Lt in Cameronians
8 x Ptes (of which 2 x 3rd Lanark, 2 x Royal Scots)
in photo not identifiable

91

JERSEY

Captain:
Adjutant:

89

CANADA

Captain: Lt Col F Massey
Adjutant: Maj WC Macdonald

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ENGLAND

Captain: Lt Col CT Burt
Adjutant: Capt GR Gratwicke
Reserve: Sgt FJ West

Maj WH Davison
Sgt J Goodear
Lt TW Heath
CSgt JH Hooton
CSgt RL Keating
QMSgt J Moore
CSgt RH Tayton
Pte R Thornton
Cpl WM Wright
Sgt LM Dymond

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IRELAND

Captain: Lt Col WF Despard
Adjutant:

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Conditions were five volleys in one minute.

MATCH THREE - 1893

Fired at Bisley on Saturday 23 July

ENGLAND

Captain: Capt GR Gratwicke
Adjutant: None
Reserves: Maj WH Davison, Sgt J Springett

Pte RB Chicken
Pte D Greenhalgh
Lt TW Heath
LCpl J King
Lt CD Miller
Cpl JH Simcock
Pte A Stocks
CSgt RH Tayton
Pte WH Trask
Sgt JM Walton

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SCOTLAND

Captain:
Adjutant:

Lt JL Thompson

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CANADA

Captain: Lt Col FC Denison CMG MP
Adjutant: Maj FH Hartt

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MATCH FOUR - 1894

Fired at Bisley on Saturday 21 July

ENGLAND

Captain: Capt GR Gratwicke
Adjutant: None
Reserve: Sgt G Starmer

Chaplain CJ Ferguson-Davie
CSgt H Garnett
Pte D Greenhalgh
Pte H Hawkins
Sgt John King
Pte James King
Pte CD Miller
Cpl JH Simcock
Pte A Stocks
Pte WH Trask

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SCOTLAND

Captain:
Adjutant:

Lt JL Thompson

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CANADA

Captain: Maj EB Ibbotson
Adjutant: Capt AT Kirkpatrick

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WALES

Captain: Maj WD Trick
Adjutant: None

Pte D Arthur
CSgt J Ball
Sgt WT Davies
Sgt J Davies
Sgt G Harries
CSgt CR Howell
Sgt W Jones
Pte F Jones
CSgt T Lewis
Sgt JT Williams

85

New record score by England - 133 in 1894. However the striker of one England team members broke and he got no shots off. Points were also given for drill this year.

MATCH FIVE - 1895

Fired at Bisley on Saturday 20 July

ENGLAND

Captain: Capt GR Gratwicke
Adjutant: None
Reserves: Sgt JH Walden, Sgt JM Walton

Chaplain CJ Ferguson-Davie
Sgt J Ford
CSgt H Garnett
LCpl D Greenhalgh
Sgt J King
Cpl JH Simcock
Sgt G Starmer
Pte A Stocks
Sgt LR Tippins
Pte WH Trask

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CANADA

Captain: Capt CN Mitchell
Adjutant: None

Lt Col WP Anderson
Capt MS Mercer
Lt TC Boville
Lt T Mitchell
Lt BR Bent
SSgt JH Simpson
SSgt JP Nutting
Pte J Rolston
Pte R Tink
Pte TH Hayhust

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SCOTLAND

Captain: Maj WL Rome
Adjutant: None
Reserve: Pte AB Kydd

Capt J Scott-Davidson
Pte G Paterson
Lt JL Thompson
Pte AW Hill
LSgt D Yates
Cpl JH Scott
Sgt W Anderson
Sgt JS Morren
Sgt J Scott
Pte J Boyd

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WALES

Captain: Maj WD Trick
Adjutant: None

Sgt GS Harries
CSgt WB Howell
Pte F Jones
Pte JK Jones
CSgt T Davies
Sgt WT Davies
CSgt HD Jones
CSgt T Lewis
Sgt WS Gwatkin
ArSgt J Lane

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MATCH SIX -1896

Fired at Bisley on Saturday 26 July

IRELAND

Captain: Capt LN Langford-Lloyd
Adjutant: Capt AW Tillie

Sgt Bugler C Donovan
LCpl F Donovan
Pte AS Ormsby
Sgt WA Hare (?)
Sgt HM Healey
Sgt A Handford (?)
Capt LN Langford-Lloyd
2 x Sgts
3 x Ptes
all unidentifiable in photo

500

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CANADA

Captain: Lt Col GR Starke
Adjutant: Maj J Bruce

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ENGLAND

Captain: Capt GR Gratwicke
Adjutant: None
Reserves: Sgt J Lockwood, Sgt LR Tippins

*Chaplain CJ Ferguson-Davie
+Sgt J Ford
*CSgt H Garnett
*Pte D Greenhalgh
*Sgt W Ogden
+Cpl G Sandwell
+Cpl JH Simcock
+Pte AJ Stevens
+Pte A Stocks
*Pte WH Trask

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This year, 1896, the conditions changed from 400 to 500 yards. The first rank fired standing (+) and the second kneeling (*).

MATCH SEVEN - 1897

Fired at Bisley on Saturday 24 July

ENGLAND

Captain: Capt GR Gratwicke
Adjutant: None
Reserve: CSgt H Garnett

Sgt EJ Cowern
Sgt J Ford
Sgt J King
Sgt CV Laight
Sgt J Lockwood
Sgt G Starmer
Sgt LR Tippins
Cpl AJ Stevens
Cpl JH Simcock
Pte G Sandwell

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CANADA

Captain: Capt WH Davidson
Adjutant: Maj JJ Mason

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There is some doubt as to whether Scotland shot in 1896 or in 1897. The Volunteer Service Gazette (12.3.97) suggests that Scotland did not enter in 1896. However VSG (3.12.97) states that Scotland declined to shoot in 1897. The Scottish Club report of 30.11.97 says they declined as the NRA altered the conditions after the teams paraded at the firing point - Lt Dunlop, Sgt Mair and Cpl MM MacGregor were part of that team.

MATCH EIGHT - 1898

Fired at Bisley on Saturday 23 July

ENGLAND

Captain: Maj GR Gratwicke
Adjutant: None
Reserves: None known

Sgt EJ Cowern
Cpl FH Dodson
Sgt J Ford
Sgt J King
Cpl J King
Sgt CV Laight
Pte G Sandwell
Cpl AJ Stevens
Sgt LR Tippins
Cyclist Sgt T Whitehead

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SCOTLAND

Captain:
Adjutant:

CSgt W Ingram
Sgt W Cowan
Sgt J Rodger
Pte J Geddes
Sgt J Mair
Pte AW Hill

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IRELAND

**Captain:
Adjutant:**

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WALES

**Captain:
Adjutant:**

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CANADA

Captain: Lt Col JP Cooke
Adjutant: Capt EA Smith

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MATCH NINE - 1899

Fired at Bisley on Friday 21 July

SCOTLAND

Captain: Lt D Yates

Adjutant:

ArSgt JH Scott
Sgt J Rodger
Sgt W Anderson
Pte J Boyd
Sgt J Middleton
Sgt FR Martin
Sgt W Cowan
Cpl MM McGregor
Pte ?
AN Other

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ENGLAND

Captain: Maj GR Gratwicke

Adjutant: None

Reserves: One unknown Sgt

Sgt EJ Cowern
Cpl FH Dodson
Sgt J Ford
CSgt J King
Sgt J King
Cpl J King
Sgt J Lockwood
Pte G Sandwell
Sgt LR Tippins
Cyclist Sgt T Whitehead

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CANADA

Captain: Lt Col HH McLean
Adjutant: Maj RA Helmer

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WALES

Captain:
Adjutant:

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