

ZDA The Mountain Echo

May 2025

Newsletter of Nelson Branch NZDA



Photographic Competition – Get your best pics out and get your entries in! Above is Paul Peycher's winner from last year. You will receive an email with online form and information soon!



Out there doing it! Your Secretary crossing the Robinson River recently. There are some nice walks in the Springs Junction

THIS MONTH

EDITORIAL

Range Matters – Summer Series Final & Nationals Easter Competition

Matariki Event

Reporting Strange Things!

Lighten Up!

CLUB NIGHT Buy, Sell and Swap

Hunting & Fishing May Specials

MEMBER BENEFITS

IMPORTANT LINKS

Editorial

Hi Hunters and Shooters,

Greatly enjoyed club night with Willie presenting on how the african big game guiding business works and how the animals don't always play nicely.

Some key points for this month:

Club Night is a Buy, Sell and Swap Night. Please read the details carefully further below.

Shooting Competitions – Below are the final results from the Rimfire Summer Series (well done Greg) and also the Easter Nationals held in pretty wild weather. The Matariki Shoot in June is a great introductory event for those looking to see how the sport works and you can choose indoor .22 or outdoor (and of course both). Talk to Graeme if you have a hankering.

Reporting Strange Things - I get quite a few emails or queries about sightings of activities or parts of animals that seem irregular in terms of animal control or etc. The usual news is such as a second hand query about "a helicopter in Molesworth…." When I ask <u>exactly</u> where and when?, and seek other details there are often none. Its impossible to follow up on such little info. So a little bit of guidance has been drafted and several other clubs have circulated it to their members. Always happy to follow up any "goings-on" but need a bit of detail!

Committee & General Support - Our Branch AGM will be in June again and it's a time to confirm Committee members. It would be great to have some fresh minds so if you think you can help support our Club and its activities at Committee level please put your hand up -email our Secretary <u>dave@nzdanelson.co.nz</u>

We are at a point where we are struggling a wee bit to cover some bases in both organised activities, e.g. club nights, hunting or other field activities and Branch administration, e.g. oversight of Red Deer Lodge, managing special access to hunting areas, National Goat and our own Range (need more active Ros) and general Committee work. Much of this currently falls to less than 10 people out of over 300 members. A few more capable hands would make this lighter work for all and allow more fun activities for all to enjoy. We do have resources available but the organisation and documentation of activites takes effort. You don't have to be on the Committee to be very useful, just capable and reliable - which as hunters and shooters I presume you all to be!

Good Hunting & Safe Shooting - The Editor

PS Check out the great May specials for members from Hunting and Fishing

Range Matters





2024-25 Nelson Outdoor Benchrest Summer Final Results

Carina took out the last event of the year (13th April) with a new aggregate record! Well done, Carina! and Greg finished the season on top but only by one point.

	T1	T2						
	249.1	248.1		497.2	new Ag	3		
Carina Jackson	1	4		5	Record			
	245.1	246.1		491.2	-			
Greg Couper	3	2		5				
	249.1	242.0		491.1				
Graeme Smith	3	5		8				
	242.0	243.0		485.1				
Greg Couper -Factory	6	6		2				
	242.0	237.1		479.1				
Graeme Vallance	7	0		7				
	236.0	241.0		477.1				
Anne Marie Kidson	8	6		4				
	235.0	234.0		469.1				
lan Harper	5	5		0				
Carina Jackson -	236.1	232.0		468.1				
Factory	0	6		6				
	228.0	237.0		465.1				
Michael Kidson	8	5		3				
	226.0	218.0		444.0				
Simon Cotton	3	1		4				
	217.0	213.0		430.0				
John Ronaldson	5	4		9				
Points				22-	19-		8-	13-
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Greg Couper	7	7.5	7		10	8	8	8
Carina Jackson	8	7.5	8		9	7	6	9
Graeme Smith	6	5	6	7	7	6	7	7
Graeme Vallance		4	5	6	5	4	4	6
Michael Kidson	4	2	3	3	4	2	3	3
Anne Marie Kidson	5			2	2	3	2	5
Tony Carter				4	6	5		
John Ronaldson	2	3			8	1		1
lan Harper				5	1		5	4
Simon Cotton	1	2	2	1	3		1	2
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Donald Jaffray	5		1					
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NZDA Nationals Centrefire and Rimfire Benchrest Easter Competition

Winners' Results (full results at the end of The Echo)



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Wet and Wild at our Packers Creek Range for the Easter Nationals



Open Class Rimfire Winners

Date : 21/ Range: Nel	.son	025		S.I.			Title: Class:	Int. R/F Be	re Nation	
Name	St	ate/No			A/D	B/E	C/F	Total	G Total	PN
Greg Couper		S.I. 1001	50 0		244.09	244.10	245.09	733.28		1
Carina Jackson		S.I. 2103	50 0		247.06	243.04	242.05	732.15		2
Dougall Cameron		N.I. 1010	50 0		243.08	245.08	239.04	727.20		3

Factory Class Rimfire Winners

Date : 21/04/2 Range: Nelson	2025 ;		S.I.	1		Title: Class:	2025 Rimfi Int. R/F Be	re (Facto nchrest	
Name S	tate/No			A/D	B/E	C/F	Total	G Total	PN
Greg Couper (FY)	S.I. 4001	50 0		244.08	233.04	239.05	716.17		1
Carina Jackson (FY)	S.I. 4002	50 0		228.04	239.09	233.05	700.18		2
Ian Owen (FY)	5.I. 4004	50 0		225.03	220.05	229.05	674.13		3

Light Varmint Centrefire Winners

Date : 19/04, Range: Nelson	/2025 n	 s. :	ι.				e: 2025 s: Light				
Name	======	 W	A	B	C	D	E	Agg	===:	GAgg	PN
Ian Owen	5.I. 2004		.195 .582	.206 .320	.381 .379	.194 .349	.186 .818	.2324 .2448	2 1	.2386	1
Tony Titheridge	5.I. 2012	 	.205 .451	.271 .512	.229 .657	.171 .742	.218 .640	.2188 .3002	1 2	.2595	2
Steve Williams	S.I. 2014	 	.082 .714	.217 .509	.380 .658	.295 .714	.342 1.120	.2632 .3715	38	.3174	. 3

Heavy Varmint Centrefire Winners

Date : 20/04/2 Range: Nelson		3°	S.I	•				e: 2025 s: Heavy	HV Nati Benchre			
Name			W	Α	в	С	D	Е	Agg		GAgg	PN
Carina Jackson	S.I. 2103			.237 .375	.296 .373	. 343 . 459	. 328 . 380	.150	.2708 .2010	6 1	.2359	1
Greg Couper	S.I. 1001	100 200		.138 .532	.295 .525	.227 .982	.262 .227	.295 .436	.2434 .2702	32	.2568	2
Helen Owen	S.I. 2005	100 200		.215 .540	.184 .578	.316 .675	.202 .333	.121 1.636	.2076 .3762	17	.2919	3

2 Gun Results, Light & Heavy Varmint Combined Winners

MULTI GUN	RESULTS	(Group) -	25 2	Gun	Nationals		

					19/04/25	20/04/25	2 Gun
					LBI	HBI	
1 Ian		owen		100	0.2386	0.3156	0.2771
2 Tony		Titheridg	ge		0.2595	0.3331	0.2963
3 Carina	a	Jackson -	13		0.3702	0.2359	0.3030

The Graeme Smith National 3 Gun Trophy Winner

3 Gun Results, Light & Heavy Varmint & Open Rimfire Combined

1 Carina	280
2 Ian	270
3 Sue	270
4 Tony	260
5 Greg	260
6 Dougall	230
7 Graeme	160
8 Steve W	160
9 Michael	30
10 Elliot	20

Matariki 2025 Invitation

The 2025 Multi event will be conducted at the **Saxton indoor** range and Packers Creek outdoor range the weekend of 20,21,22 June. This event is open to all who wish to participate from either NZDA or TSNZ.

The proposed events are:

- Friday 20 June (2pm onwards at Saxton)
- Saturday 21 June (Gate at 9am at Packers)

Saturday 21 June (pm)

Sunday 22 June (Gate at 9am at Packers)

- BENCHREST
- 2 x Double Card
 - 5 x 50m Hunter Class (Score) Targets.
 - 5 X 50M Group Targets
 - 2 x 50m International 25 Bull Targets.

The Matariki Trophy will be awarded on placings in each event as all events scoring is not compatible.

Entry Fees	Friday only	\$20.00	
	All 3 days	\$50.00	
Payment on the day or D	Direct Credit to a/c	020704 0448567 00	Please show name

Please indicate your participation to Graeme Smith <u>lvhvbr@gmail.com</u> or 03 5447138 for setting up shoot details.

Friday evening	light supper will be provided.
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Saturday Soup and rolls will be provided for lunch

Sunday We will have a Cuppa at the completion of the shoot while

placings are determined.

The Benchrest Club



<u>Always</u> be aware of and comply with our **Ranges' Standing Orders** – they are posted at the Ranges, but you should refresh yourself from our website:

Packers Creek – Standing Orders

Food

Range Use Etiquette - Etiquette and Golden Rules Click Here

Murchison Community Range - <u>Standing Orders</u> Packers Creek Range Access Reminder:

- 1. Check website for opening days and hours
- 2. Be at gate before 0900 hrs not after
- 3. All vehicles **must have** headlights on and conform to convoy (i.e. **follow** the duty officer in and out on Sharlands Road these rules are set by landowner/operator and are compulsory
- 4. Ensure you have your membership card and hiviz & hearing protection
- 5. Its wet up there, avoid driving on the grass

Any competition and event queries please:

call Graeme Smith - 03 5447138 or email lvhvbr@gmail.com



How to Report Incidents or Sightings Affecting Hunting

Rationale:

Hunters constantly cover large areas of public land and see things that raise questions in terms of good game animal management practices (e.g. carcasses in areas after pesticide programmes, gutbags in areas where they might not be expected). Verbal and anecdotal reports of such things to NZDA are not useful as hearsay is insufficient to take to any agency or authority, evidence is essential.

<u>Objective:</u> Provide hunters with simple procedures to accurately record issues that raise concern.

Recording and Reporting Procedures

- If not alone always confirm with other members of your party what has been seen and who is making a record
- Get position from GPS and/or record location (area, catchment etc) to best level of detail

possible, waypoint on your GPS

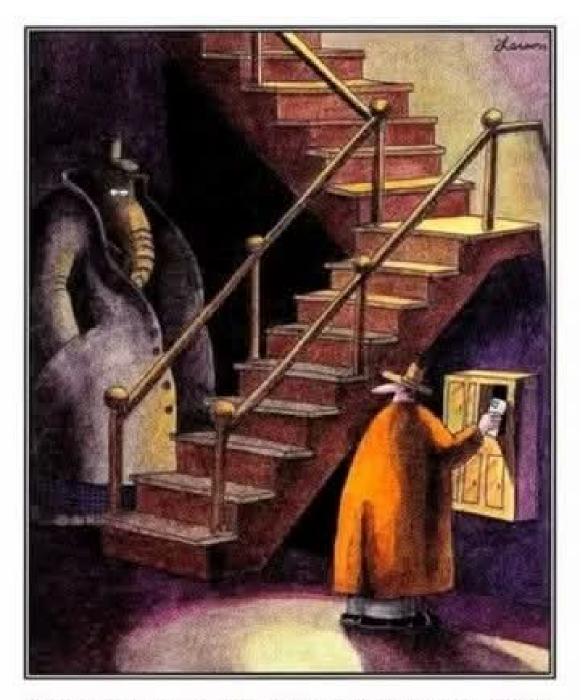
- Take photograph(s) of all relevant subject matter
- Use Notes on your phone to record a few facts date and time; other party members; other comments or matters (if you can't use Notes then text or email info to yourself even if outside coverage)
 - Contact your NZDA Branch when back in "civilisation" and be able to pass on evidence



This tahr (in the Dobson) had triggered or been caught up in an avalanche which was evident

on looking closely at the terrain above, not just shot to rot.

Lighten Up!



"Remember me, Mr. Schneider? Kenya. 1947. If you're going to shoot at an elephant, Mr. Schneider, you better be prepared to finish the job."

Club Night - Last & Next - Wednesday 28th May



Willie MacDonald's facts and frights in the life of an African big game guide was extremely informative and entertaining. An activity not for the fainthearted.

Buy – Sell – Swap Night

By popular request we are holding a night to let you get rid of some gear or find a bargain.

Bring along your good quality but now unwanted hunting, camping and outdoor gear!

Price and tag your items so there is no risk of a mix up!

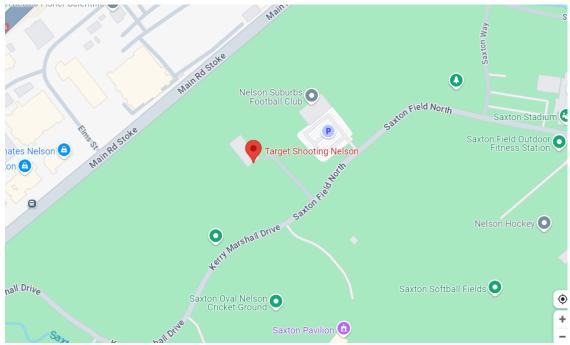
Cash sales or bank transfer on the spot – you will be minding your own transactions so bring change and bank account number!

Sorry but <u>NO</u> firearms or ammunition

If you want a spot to display your gear then please arrive at least 15 minutes early to get organised!

Any questions to <u>carina@nzdanelson.co.nz</u> please.





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When and Where: Wednesday 28th May from 7pm @ TSN Saxton Field Smallbore Range

Hunting and Fishing May Deals

for

Members Only



VIP SPECIALS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE AT NELSON HUNTING & FISHING, NO OTHER HUNTING & FISHING BRANCHES. SPECIAL PRICING APPLIES TO CURRENT IN STORE STOCK ON A FIRST SERVED BASIS. TO REDEEM DISCOUNT, PLEASE SHOW STAFF YOUR RELEVANT CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARD OR WORKPLACE ID. SPECIAL PRICING ON OFFER FROM 02/05/2025-31/05/2025 99 CADILLAC WAY, ANNESBROOK, NELSON 03 548 1840 NELSON.STORE@HUNTINGANDFISHING.CO.NZ

Member Benefits – Know & Get Your Share!

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A special insurance package has been developed by NZDA for members*.

As a NZDA member you and your family can feel safe knowing you are personally covered in a hunting related accident or while undertaking NZDA activities.

Insurance only covers financial members, and is often a requirement when hunting on forestry blocks, so with our insurance cover you can access more hunting opportunities.

NZDA and all our members are covered by <u>AIG Insurance New Zealand Limited</u> insurance when hunting and undertaking NZDA activities.

The insurance indemnity cover includes:

- \$10,000,000 for General Liability
- \$10,000,000 for Products Hazard Liability
- \$500,000 for Statutory Liability

*Excludes Associate Membership

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SUPPORTERS OF NELSON NZDA HUNTS COURSES AND KAI RESCUE MORE INFO HERE: MEAT SOLUTIONS

Important links

Red Deer Lodge

- Information on costs and bookings of the Red Deer Lodge at Lake Rotoiti Red Deer Lodge
- Contact for Accom: info@rotoitibaches.co.nz
- Always remember to advise you are a Nelson member.

2025 Branch Committee, Information & Contacts

- All details can be found on our refreshed website: Nelson Branch Committee
- Website Nelson Branch NZDA
- Facebook Facebook Nelson NZDA

Other Key Links - click on the orange.

Advocacy and Access

- NZDA National Association NZDA
- DOC Hunting Portal Hunting Conservation Land
- Fiordland Wapiti Foundation Wapiti
- Game Animal Council <u>GAC</u>
- Outdoor Access Commission OAC
- Walking Access NZ WAMS Maps
- LINZ Basemaps MAPS Link
- 141 Forest Access Information <u>141 Access and Permit Info</u>

Ballots

- Haast Ballot
- Wanaka Ballot
- Southland Waikaia Leithen Bush Wainakarua Catlins
- Fiordland Wapiti Foundation Ballot
- Caples & Greenstone <u>RHA Ballot</u>

Firearms and Safety

- COLFO <u>COLFO</u>
- NZ Firearms Safety Authority <u>Te Pureke</u>
- Mountain Safety Council MSC
- MSC Videos on everything safety and hunting Watch Videos
- Avalanche Advisory <u>Avalanche Advisory Site</u>

NZDA Nationals Centrefire and Rimfire Benchrest Easter Competition

Full Results

Date : 21/0 Range: Nels	on		S.I.		Title: Class:	2025 Rimfi Int. R/F Be	re Nation nchrest	
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Greg Couper	5.I. 1001	50 0	244.09	244.10	245.09	733.28		1
Carina Jackson	S.I. 2103	50 0	247.06	243.04	242.05	732.15		2
Dougall Cameron	N.I. 1010	50 0	243.08	245.08	239.04	727.20		3
Tony Titheridge	S.I., 2012	50 0	243.06	241.08	242.09	726.23		4
Sue Gavin	N.I. 1014	50 0	240.03	236.07	240.09	716.19		5
Warren Smith	S.I. 2104	50 0	236.07	234.06	244.12	714.25		6
Ian Owen	S.I. 2004	50 0	241.12	236.03	236.09	713.24		7
Graeme Smith	S.I. 2013	50 0	236.02	227.09	243.12	706.23		8
Steve Williams	S.I. 2014	50 0	239.03	226.02	237.08	702.13		9
Elliot Cameron	N.I. 1017	50 0	228.06	231.07	234.09	693.22		10
Michael Kidson	S.I. 2106	50 0	221.03	236.06	236.04	693.13		11
Anne Marie Kidson	S.I. 2010	50 0	199.12	208.00	216.02	623.14		12
Best Score	s 50 ,		1	Best	Scores 0			
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Open Class Rimfire Results

Date : 21/04/ Range: Nelson			5.I.	:		Title: Class:	2025 Rimfi Int. R/F Be	re (Facto nchrest	
Name S	tate/No	,		A/D	B/E	C/F	Total	G Total	PN
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Ian Owen (FY)	S.I. 4004	50 0	•	225.03	220.05	229.05	674.13		3
Michael Kidson (FY)	S.I. 4003	50 0		206.01	228.03	223.05	657.09		4
Best Scores	50				Best	Scores 0		·	
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Factory Class Rimfire Results

Date : 20/04 Range: Nelso	n	S.I.			Class:	Heavy	HV Natio Benchres	t - I
Name	•	W A	В	с	D	E	Agg	GAgg P
Carina Jackson	S.I. 100 2103 200			.343 .459	.328 .380	.150 .423		5 1 .2359 1
Greg Couper	S.I. 100 1001 200			.227	.262	.295 .436		3 2 .2568 2
Helen Owen	S.I. 100 2005 200			.316 .675	.202	.121 .636		1 7 .2919 :
Su'e Gavin	N.I. 100 1014 200		.633	.315	.244 .765	.245 .703		7 4 .3142 4
Ian Owen	S.I. 100 2004 200			.256	.206 .392 1	.181		4 5 .3156 §
Dougall Cameron	N.I. 100 1010 200			.268 .295	.217 .536 1	.277		B 5 .3237 (
Baden Prentice	N.I. 100 1018 200			.361 .738	.281 .594	.397 .772	.3286 1	1 3 .3261
Tony Titheridge	5.I. 100 2012 200	.490	1.734	.309 .774	.272 .652	.127 .759	.2252 .4409 1	2 9 .3330 8
Grant Hammond	N.I. 100 1019 200		.329	.167 .874	.293 .734	.401 .993		.3392
Graeme Smith	S.I. 100 2013 200			.242 .631	.379 .549 1	.424	.3438 12	2 3 .3633 10
Steve Bell	N.I. 100 1020 200			.300	.341 .620 1	.334 .647	.3214 .5008 1	
Steve Williams	S.I. 100 2014 200			.238 1.985	.392 .243 1	.270	.3286 10	
Michael Kidson	S.I. 100 2106 200			.468 .964	.397 .923 1	.212 .435	.3682 14	
Elliot Cameron	N.I. 100 1017 200			.264 1.306	.421 1.443	.282	.3452 1 .6502 1	
Best Scores	100			Best S	cores 200	,		
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SG H Owen Agg H Owen		.121 (Red .2076 (Red	.068)		Couper Jackson		.227	(Rec .203) (Rec .1819)

Heavy Varmint Centrefire Results

Date : 19/04/ Range: Nelsor	1	S.I.			Class	:: Light	LV Nationals t Benchrest -	I
Name		W A	В	с	D	E	Agg	GAgg P
Ian Dwen	5.I. 100 2004 200	.195 .582	. 206 . 320	.381 .379	.194 .349	.186 .818	.2324 2 .2448 1	.2386
Tony Titheridge	S.I. 100 2012 200	.205 .451	.271 .512	.229	.171 .742	.218	.2188 1 .3002 2	.2595
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Sue Gavin	N.I. 100 1014 200	.223 .719	.443 .560	.325 .723	.234 .930	.355 .614	.3160 5 .3546 5	.3353
Grant Hammond	N.I. 100 1019 200	.349 .721	.312	.464 .731	.328 .649	.266	.3438 8 .3423 4	.3431
Graeme Smith	S.I. 100 2013 200	.349 .721	.308	.385	.397 .449	.418 .689	.3714 11 .3348 3	.3531
Steve Bell	N.I. 100 1020 200	.531 1.099	.523	.123	.284 .453	.310	.3542 10 .3655 7	.3599
Dougall Cameron	N.I. 100 1010 200	.244 .912	.308	.214 .910	.459 1.026	.178 .871	.2806 4 .4504 10	.3655
Carina Jackson	S.I., 100 2103 200	.382 1.008	.295	.410	.493 .730	.318	.3796 12 .3608 6	.3702
Baden Prentice	N.I. 100 1018 200	.268 .679	.297	.303	.394 1.002	.322 .714	.3168 6 .4303 9	.3736 1
Greg Couper	S.I. 100 1001 200	.416 1.269	.367	.307	.313 .983	.244 .556	.3294 7 .5017 12	.4156 1
Helen Owen	5.I. 100 2005 200	.500 .738	.279 .824	.243 .516	.354 1.009	.382 1.928	.3516 9 .5015 11	.4265 1
Michael Kidson	S.I. 100 2106 200	.600 1.233	.447	.410	.538 1.001	.363 1.221	.4716 13 .5391 13	.5053 1
Elliot Cameron	N.I. 100 1017 200	.304 .815	.802 3.480	.619 3.589	1.710 1.103	.256	.7382 14 1.0338 14	.8860 1
Best Scores	100		1	Best S	cores 20	90		
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Light Varmint Centrefire Results

MULTI GUN RESULTS (Group) - 25 2 Gun Nationals

19/04/25	20/04/25	2 Gun
LBI	HBI	

			LUL	1102	
1	Ian	Owen	0.2386	0.3156	0.2771
2	Tony	Titheridge	0.2595	0.3331	0.2963
3	Carina	Jackson	0.3702	0.2359	0.3030
4	Sue	Gavin	0.3353	0.3142	0.3247
5	Greg	Couper	0.4155	0.2568	0.3362
6	Grant	Hammond	0.3431	0.3392	0.3411
7	Dougall	Cameron	0.3655	0.3237	0.3446
8	Baden	Prentice	0.3735	0.3261	0.3498
9	Graeme	Smith	0.3531	0.3633	0.3582
10	Helen	Owen	.0.4265	0.2919	0.3592
11	Steve	Williams	0.3174	0.4512	0.3843
12	Steve	Bell	0.3599	0.4111	0.3855
13	Michael	Kidson	0.5053	0.4555	0.4804
14	Elliot	Cameron	0.8860	0.4977	0.6918

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