

Norman excels and CI cadets repeat triumph

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The CI squad that emerged cadet international winners. Back row: Richard Benest (coach) Matt Norman, Luke Elder, Maix Chandler, Michael Mann (captain), Saxon Brewer-Marchant, Oli Rowe, Peter Jory (coach), Rick Le Page (coach). Front Row Kneeling: Oliver Marshall (J) and Max Willing (J). (Picture by Nick Mann, 5314112)

A TEAM of eight Channel Island cadets, six of them from Elizabeth College, have scored a resounding victory over teams from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland at the rifle-shooting championships at Bisley.

It is now perfectly apparent that young CI shots are the most feared in this annual competition which also allows a team of Royal Canadian Cadets to take part.

Although England took the lead by two points after 300 yards, highest possible scores from Guernsey's Matt Norman and Saxon Brewer-Marchant helped the CI team into the lead at 500 yards which they consolidated at 600 and took the trophy and gold medals by three points.

It is viewed with some incredulity that two CI schools can consistently take on the might of English and Scottish schools who trade on their own prowess in full-bore shooting. But this win was not a one-off ... it was a repeat of last year, but with a better score by three points.

The achievements of the Elizabeth College rifle-shooting team in the past few years is simply

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demonstrated by this year's list of the best 100 scores in last week's individual school competitions, aggregated into 'The Schools Hundred'.

Ten per cent of that list was occupied by Guernsey cadets - Michael Mann, Saxon Brewer-Marchant, Oli Rowe, Matt Norman, Maix Chandler, Ben Allen, Luke Chandler, Matt Le Maitre, Phin Barber and Ross Senior.

The Imperial Meeting proper is now under way and young Adam Norman, who has never achieved a highest possible score in Guernsey competitions, has done it twice at Bisley, 50.4 in the Donagall at 300 yards and 50.3 at 600 yards in the Century.

As for Guernsey's Commonwealth duo up until last night out of 130 shots fired at distances ranging between 300 and 1,000 yards, Nick Mace and Peter Jory have each only strayed outside the bullseye 15 and 17 times respectively.