



FITA INFO



Special 2004 Olympics



Day 1

After a Ranking Round (August 12) without much surprise with Korean archers in the outposts, a new Olympic opponent appeared to be a spoilsport for the world's greatest archers: swirling winds swept into the ancient Panathinaiko Stadium on the first day of Olympic Round on Sunday August 15.

This produced a string of surprise results as some of the biggest star in women's archery failed to cope with the contrasting conditions. Among them were former world champion Natalia Valeeva from Italy, Turkish Natalia Nazaridze and China's Lin Sang.

The two greatest performance of the day were without any doubt those of Bhutan's Tshering Chhoden, who defeated Lin Sang 159-156, and of Jasmin Figueroa (photo) from the Philippines, winner of her confrontation with Natalia Valeeva.



But this first day will remain in archery history for another reason: a historic four arrow tie breaker occurred in the match between Polish Malgorzata Sobier and Thin Khaing Daw Thin from Myanmar. It was only the second time in Olympic history that four arrows had been tied.

Day 2

On August 16 it was the turn of men archers to start shooting in the historic Panathinaiko. Most of the archers did not succeed in managing the windy conditions that had not left the stadium since the previous day and were not satisfied at all with their scores.

The big losers of the men's 1/32 elimination round were two Australian archers, defending Olympic champion Simon Fairweather and bronze medallist at the 2003 World Championships David Barnes. The other surprise of the day was the great performance of Bhutan's Tashi Peljor (seed 52!) who defeated 13th ranked French Jocelyn De Grandis with 161 points, one of the best scores of the day.

Day 3

The morning session of August 17 was reserved for the women's 1/16 rounds. No problem for the defending Olympic champion, Yun Mi Jin from Korea, and her team mates Park Sung Hyun and Lee Sung Jin. The three of them qualified for the next stage without meeting any opposition. On her way, Yun Mi Jin even tied her own Olympic record with a score of 173.

After making history in the first elimination round by becoming the first Bhutanese athlete ever to win a match at the Games, Tshering Chhoden missed her best chance to progress one step further in her match with India's Reena Kumari. As she needed only a six with her last arrow to win the match, Chhoden scored a five! In the tie-breaker, her opponent hit a seven, but Chhoden could not do better

than a four... After she got over her great disappointment, the Bhutan's archer held her head high: "I have four years until the next Olympic Games in Beijing. That's time to train and improve. I want to win a medal there".

Other great performances were those of home star Evangelia Psarra, who got the Greek fans to dream with her qualification for the 1/8 finals, and number 52 seed Kirstin Jean Lewis of South Africa, who defeated India's Sharma Sumangala.

The afternoon was men's time to shoot their 1/16 round matches. Some great performances ahead again, first with the defeat of reigning world champion, the Italian Michele Frangilli, beaten by Japanese veteran Hiroshi Yamamoto. The score admits of no discussion, however: 162-154.

Another Italian, the European Champion Marco Galiazzo, was in a really tight corner in his match with 20-year old Mexican archer Juan Rene Serrano. Still leading before the last three arrows, the young Mexican was betrayed by his nerves and scored only 24 out of a possible 30 in the final end leaving the victory to Galiazzo 164-163.



The second best score of the afternoon (just behind the Korean Im Dong Hyun's 171 points) was Chinese Taipei's Chen Szu Yuan's doing with 170 (photo), after shooting an amazing seven 10s in a row in his match against the Bulgarian Yavor Hristov.

Day 4

August 18 was Golden day for women archers. With six archers qualified for the ¼ final rounds, the Asian continent secured one more time its supremacy over archery's world.

The first quarterfinal led to an upset as Chinese He Ying was credited no points for two of her arrows in her match against British Alison Williamson. First, she was deemed by the Judge to have fired her seventh arrow out of turn, and while her coach was arguing about this decision, she then missed the 40-second time limit again and was awarded a second zero. She finally lost her match by 109-89.

Later in the morning, the defending Olympic champion and reigning individual world champion, Yun Mi Jin from Korea, prematurely lost her Olympic crown in her quarterfinal match with Chinese Taipei's Yuan Shu Chi (final score: 107-105).

The two other Koreans, Park and Lee, both won their respective semi-final matches, leaving Alison Williamson and Yuan Shu Chi to decide the Bronze medal, while they were shooting for Gold. It was known already that one of the Olympic Games' most amazing streaks would be kept alive: it would be the 10th consecutive win for Korea in women's Olympic events (back to 1984).



Finally, after Alison Williamson gave Britain its first medal since 1908 Olympics, Park proved once again to be the form archer of the tournament, becoming the new Olympic champion after a 110-108 victory over her team mate.

Day 5

Thursday August 19 was a great day for archery, with exciting matches, high scores and numerous (5000 people) as well as famous spectators (among them were Jacques Rogge, IOC President, and Prince Albert of Monaco).

This men's golden day was rich in Olympic Records. Korean Park Kyung Mo first beat the 18-arrow record with 173. Then, Chen Szu Yuan from Chinese Taipei scored a new 36-arrow Elimination Combined record with 339, beating the old record by three points. The third Olympic Record was young Australian Tim Cuddihy's doing with 340 in the 36-arrow Finals Combined.

Most of the final matches remained inconclusive until the very last arrow. The major surprise was the early eliminations of the three favourite Koreans. Korea's "bête noire" was young Aussie Tim Cuddihy, who defeated Jang Yong Ho 166-165 on the final arrow of their 1/8 round, and then scored another thrilling final arrow win against Park Kyung Mo (112-111). The remaining Korean, Im Dong Hyun, bowed before Japanese Yamamoto, who was competing in his fifth Olympic Games, on the final once again tight score of 111-110.

The semi-finals finally pitted Galiazzo (ITA) against Godfrey (GBR) and Yamamoto against Cuddihy. Godfrey led for much of his match with the 21-year old Italian but had to acknowledge defeat when Galiazzo shot a perfect 30 with his last three arrows to clinch the match 111-109.



The second semi-final produced one of the greatest matches ever seen in archery. Indeed, 17-year old Cuddihy and 41-year Yamamoto both equaled the 12-arrow Olympic Record with 115. In the tie-breaker, Yamamoto first shot a perfect 10 putting great pressure on Cuddihy. As the 5000 souls who had taken a seat in the Panathinaiko Stadium were holding their breath, young Aussie shot "only" a nine to leave Yamamoto the right to fight for Gold.

Two new exciting and high-level medal matches then, with Cuddihy winning the Bronze over Godfrey (113-112) and Galiazzo becoming the new Olympic champion with a 111-109 victory over Yamamoto.

Day 6

On Friday August 20, Korean women confirmed their archery supremacy by winning their fifth successive team Gold medal. But their Chinese opponents put their Asian rivals to the wall in a dramatic final, in which newly individual Olympic champion Park Sung Hyun had to shoot a perfect final ten to give her team the Olympic title: 251-250.



In the Bronze medal match, the young team of Chinese Taipei, with promising Yuan Shu Chi, Wu Hui Ju and Chen Li Ju, proved too strong for surprising French archers. The final score of 242-228 suffered no discussion and led to a 100%-Asian podium.

Day 7

Korea's archery greatness was confirmed once more on Saturday August 21 at the end of men's team Golden day. The Koreans took advantage of the final day of competition to win their third gold medal at this 2004 Olympics.

The team of Chinese Taipei was left with almost no chance in the Gold final. They finally subjected to the law of the strongest and left the Olympic title to Korea 251-245. It is the Ukrainians who completed the men's team podium after a 242-239 victory over the American team.



MEDALISTS

Women Individual

1. PARK Sung Hyun (KOR)
2. LEE Sung Jin (KOR)
3. WILLIAMSON Alison (GBR)

Women Team

1. Korea
2. China
3. Chinese Taipei

Men Individual

1. GALIAZZO Marco (ITA)
2. YAMAMOTO Hiroshi (JPN)
3. CUDDIHY Tim (AUS)

Men Team

1. Korea
2. Chinese Taipei
3. Ukraine

MEDAL STANDINGS

| Rank | NOC | Men | | | | Women | | | | Total | | | | Rank by total |
|--------------|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|---------------|
| | | G | S | B | Tot | G | S | B | Tot | G | S | B | Tot | |
| 1 | KOR - Korea | 1 | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 3 | 3 | 1 | | 4 | 1 |
| 2 | ITA - Italy | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | =3 |
| 3 | TPE - Chinese Taipei | | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 4 | CHN - China | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | =3 |
| 4 | JPN - Japan | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | =3 |
| 6 | AUS - Australia | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | =3 |
| 6 | GBR - Great Britain | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | =3 |
| 6 | UKR - Ukraine | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | =3 |
| Total | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 12 | |

RECORDS

Three World Records and four Olympic Records were beaten during the Games in Athens:

Women's Individual World Record

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|------------------------|----------------|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| 72-Arrow Ranking Round | PARK Sung Hyun | KOR | 682 | 679 | 12/08/2004 |
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Women's Individual Olympic Record

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| 1/16 & 1/8 Combined | YUN Mi Jin | KOR | 341 | 335 | 18/08/2004 |
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Women's Team World Record

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| 216-Arrow Team Ranking Round | YUN Mi Jin LEE Sung Jin PARK Sung Hyun | KOR | 2030 | 1994 | 12/08/2004 |
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Men's Individual World Record

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| 72-Arrow Ranking Round | IM Dong Hyun | KOR | 687 | 685 | 12/08/2004 |
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Men's Individual Olympic Record

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| 18-Arrow Match | PARK Kyung Mo | KOR | 173 | 172 | 19/08/2004 |
| 1/16 & 1/8 Combined | CHEN Szu Yuan | TPE | 339 | 336 | 19/08/2004 |
| 36-Arrow Finals Combined | CUDDIHY Tim | AUS | 340 | 338 | 19/08/2004 |

More on the Olympics on <http://www.archery-gp.de/athens2004/>.

Member Associations

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

FITA is proud to welcome three new members: Chad, Papua New Guinea, and Somalia.

As no objection has been raised since the announcement of their request for FITA membership, the Papua New Guinea Archery Association, Somali Archery Federation and Chad Archery Federation are now temporary members of FITA.

Their application will then be put to a vote during next FITA Congress to be held in Madrid, Spain, in June 2005.

These new members are eligible to take part in any FITA tournament from now on.

Judges

APPOINTMENT FOR 2005 EVENTS

On 30th August 2004, Chantal Steiner sent an application form to all International, International Candidates, Honorary, Emeritus and Committee Award Judges, to apply for a position as member, chairperson or DOS at three (3) events in 2005 (World Indoor Target Championships, World Outdoor Target Championships and World Games).

This form is to be filled and returned to Chantal no later than 15th October 2004, either by e-mail, fax or post mail.

If you haven't received this form yet, or if you have any further question, please do not hesitate to contact Chantal Steiner at csteiner@archery.org or +41 21 614 3050.

RETIREMENT

Mr. Paul H. Paulsen has informed FITA of his wish to resign from his position as FITA Judge that he had occupied since 1989.

"It has been 15 years of great pleasure, and I feel very lucky to have met so many wonderful people and gained so many good friends around the world", he said in his message to the Judges' Committee.

FITA wants to warmly thank Paul for his work and involvement in Judging for so many years.

Job Openings

FITA EVENT MANAGER

We remind you that FITA has an opening for an *Event Manager* (employment contract under Swiss law) for its Office in Lausanne, Switzerland. Deadline for applications: 1st of September 2004. To receive more information on this position, please contact info@archery.org.

NATIONAL COACH IN CYPRUS

The Cyprus Archery Federation is looking for a national coach. The person (man or lady) required must be able to:

- Promote and enhance the image of competitive archery in Cyprus.
- Raise the level of Cyprus archery to a highly competitive international standard.

People who are interested can send their CV and qualifications to the Cyprus Archery Federation:

- by email: cafkotox@cytanet.com.cy
- by mail: P.O. Box 23931, 1687 Nicosia, CYPRUS
- by fax: (+357) 22 666 697

Applicants must send their application before the 15th of September 2004.

All applications will be treated as confidential.

Petros Petrou
General Secretary, Cyprus Archery Federation

GNAS PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR

The Grand National Archery Society of Great Britain has decided to create a new position of Performance Director who will be responsible for the training and development of international level archers leading to increased success at World and Olympic Championships. The post holder will lead a team of volunteers in developing and delivering training and competitive programmes.

The person we are looking for will have experience of sports coaching and development at a high level. The post holder will have the ability to work with archers, volunteers and our partners to deliver high quality and effective programmes, leading to increased numbers of international level archers and consistent medal achievement at international events.

The person appointed will need to communicate effectively in English.

If you are interested in this position please send your CV to David Sherratt, Chief Executive, Grand National Archery Society, Lilleshall National Sports Centre, Nr Newport, Shropshire, TF10 9AT, England. E-mail david@gnas.org. All applications will be treated as confidential.

Applications are to be received before the 30th of September 2004.

David Sherratt
Chief Executive

Events

WORLD INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Please take good note of some changes concerning the 8th World Indoor Target Championships to be held in Aalborg, Denmark, next year:

- the dates have been changed to March 23-27, 2004 (instead of 22-28)
- the web address is now www.archeryindoor2005.com.

Latest News

WITH DEEPEST REGRET...

It is with great sadness that FITA has been informed of the passing on August 29 of Stanley "Stan" Patterson from Great Britain, FITA Honorary Vice President and former FITA Vice President.

Stan Patterson joined FITA in 1979 as Council Member and Chairman of the Technical Committee (of which he remained Chairman until 1993). Elected to the position of Vice President in 1985 and re-elected in 1989 until 1993 when he chose to retire through declining health. He was then elected to the position of Honorary Vice President. He also served as FITA International Judge and Technical Delegate for many years.

Meanwhile in the UK Stan Patterson held numerous roles including President, National Coach, National Judge, and Chairman of International Committee, all while being a staunch supporter of archery in his club and region for over 50 years. He coached his daughter Gillian to the Olympic Team in 1980.

The FITA members send their condolences to his family and friends. FITA will be represented at his funeral by Lynne Evans, FITA Vice President.

Calendar

2004

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| 17-29 September | Paralympic Games | Athens (GRE) |
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2005

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| 23-27 March | 8 th World Indoor Target Championships | Aalborg (DEN) |
| 20-26 June | 43 rd World Outdoor Target Championships | Madrid (ESP) |
| 28-30 June | 15 th Mediterranean Games | Almeria (ESP) |
| 14-24 July | 7 th World Games | Duisburg (GER) |
| 11-21 August | 23 rd Universiade | Izmir (TUR) |
| 15-21 August | European Junior Championships | Silkeborg (DEN) |

2006

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| 12-18 June | World University Championships | Vinicne (SVK) |
| 20-25 August | 20 th World Field Archery Championships | Göthenburg (SWE) |
| | 15 th Asian Games | Doha (QAT) |

2007

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| 19-29 July | 44 th World Outdoor Target Championships | Leipzig (GER) |
| 20-31 August | 24 th Universiade | Bangkok (THA) |

2008

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| | 29 th Olympic Games | Beijing (CHN) |
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2009

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| | 8 th World Games | Kaohsiung |
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