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NEWS RELEASE

ANSCHUTZ WINS TOP SPOT ON U.S. WORLD INDOOR ARCHERY TEAM

Fourteen year-old Erika Anschutz of Grand Island, Nebraska competed in the U.S. World Indoor Archery Team Trials held at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia during January 3-5, 2003, and won the top spot on the U.S. World Archery Team for Junior women (ages 18 and under) shooting a compound bow. During the qualifying round on the first day of competition for the U.S. Team Trials, Erika shot a score of 573 out of 600 possible points at the 18-meter target distance, which is a pending new world record for young women age 16 and under with a compound bow. Erika, who is the youngest member of the U.S. World Team, will represent the U.S. in both individual and team competitions against other top young women archers from around the world at the VII World Indoor Archery Championships in Nimes, France during March 4-9, 2003.

The U.S. World Indoor Archery Team is comprised of twenty-four Junior and Senior men and women archers from across the nation who are divided into eight, three-person teams based on their gender, age (18 and younger, and 19 and older) and type of bow used (recurve or compound). The Team is sanctioned by the National Archery Association and led by a veteran coaching staff, experienced in international archery competition.

This is the second U.S. World Archery Team that Erika has qualified for in less than one year. She was also a member of the U.S. Team that successfully competed in the VII Junior World Outdoor Target Archery Championships held in Nymburk, Czech Republic during August 5-10, 2002. As a result of that international competition, Erika won the Gold Medal in the Cadet Compound Bow division (for women age 16 and under) and set a new world record with a score of 117 out of 120 possible points in the finals match at the 70-meter target distance. She also tied another world record during the qualifying rounds of that tournament by scoring 344 out of 360 points at the 60-meter target distance.

Erika has been competing in archery tournaments for over seven years and credits her success in the sport to the support and encouragement that she receives from her friends, parents, and other family members. She also credits much of her success to all of the outstanding archery equipment and products furnished by her sponsors: Nelson Archery (Berwyn, Nebraska), Hoyt USA, Specialty Archery Products, Carter Enterprises, Sims Vibration Laboratory, and BCY Inc. Another factor that has contributed to her success is the great support and assistance she receives from all of her fellow archers at the Third City Archers club of Grand Island, including access to and use of the club's outstanding indoor and outdoor range facilities for practice.

Erika is an eighth grade student at Barr Middle School in Grand Island. In addition to archery, she enjoys listening to music, watching movies, and spending time with her family and friends. Erika is the daughter of Steve and Jurita Anschutz. Steve is employed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Grand Island, and Jurita pursues various interests at home.