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ERIKA ANSCHUTZ CONTINUES TO DOMINATE AS THE TOP RANKED YOUNG FEMALE ARCHER IN THE NATION

Fourteen-year-old Erika Anschutz of Grand Island, Nebraska continues her domination as the top ranked young female archer in the U.S. by recently setting five new national record scores, including one world record, while winning three national championship titles in indoor archery competition. She has now amassed a total of 71 national records, including six world records, in route to winning 23 national championships and one world title after being involved in the sport of archery for only seven years.

While competing in the Female Cadet Compound division (ages 16 and under) at the National Archery Association's (NAA) Indoor National Championship tournament held in Wichita, Kansas during March 14-15, Erika established four new national records (two of which were also NAA national tournament records) for her age group and gender. Her one and two-day aggregate scores of 583 and 1,166 points were out of 600 and 1,200 total possible points, respectively. Erika's one-day score of 583 points also broke the world record of 573 points that she had established earlier this year while winning the qualifying round at the U.S. World Indoor Archery Team Trials and a spot on the U.S. Team that subsequently competed at the VII World Indoor Archery Championship in Nimes, France.

The multi-colored target face that is used in both NAA and international indoor archery competitions has a dime-sized 10-ring (or bulls-eye) that measures a mere 2 centimeters in diameter (2.54 centimeters are equal to 1-inch). During each round of competition, an archer will shoot a total of 60 arrows at a target in 20 ends of three arrows each from a distance of 18 meters (or about 19 yards and 2 feet). Only 2 minutes are allowed for an archer to shoot each end of three arrows.

After Wichita, Erika traveled to Norfolk, Nebraska where she competed in and won the Youth Female Freestyle division (ages 12-14) at the Nebraska State Archery Association's (NSAA) Indoor Championship tournament that was held during March 22-23. During the two-day event, she shot scores of 300-56x and 300-55x for a total aggregate score of 600-111x. Erika's score was the highest recorded among all competitors (adults included) at the NSAA tournament for the third year in a row.

Erika concluded the indoor archery tournament season by winning the Youth Female Freestyle division of competition at the National Field Archery Association's (NFAA) Indoor National Championship tournament that was held in Kansas City, Missouri during March 29-30. Erika's first and second day scores of 300-53x and 300-58x resulted in a new NFAA national indoor tournament record score of 600-111x for her division. Her one and two-day aggregate scores were out 300-60x and 600-120x total possible points, respectively. The previous record score of 600-107x was one that she had set a year ago at this same tournament. In addition, Erika's score of 600-111x was highest score shot by an amateur female archer (adults included) at this year's tournament.

During each round of NFAA or NSAA indoor competition, an archer will shoot a total of 60 arrows at a target in 12 ends of five arrows each from a distance of 20 yards. The archer is allowed a time limit of 4 minutes to shoot each end of five arrows. The 5-point bulls-eye on the NFAA-sanctioned indoor target face measures 8 centimeters in diameter and includes an inner X-ring that is only 4 centimeters across.

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.