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ERIKA ANSCHUTZ RANKED #1 YOUNG FEMALE ARCHER IN THE NATION

Thirteen-year-old Erika Anschutz of Grand Island, Nebraska recently set six new national record scores while winning three more national championship titles in archery competition. She has now amassed a total of 62 national records and 19 national titles after being involved in the sport for only 6 years.

While competing in the Female Cadet Compound Division (ages 16 and under) at the National Archery Association's (NAA) Junior Olympic Archery Development Program National Indoor Archery Championship tournament held in Wichita, Kansas on March 1, 2002, Erika established a new national record for her age group and gender with a score of 576 out of 600 possible points on her way to winning the tournament. On March 2-3, she competed in the NAA's National Indoor Championship tournament, which was also held in Wichita, and repeated with another win in her division of competition while setting four more national records in the process. Her one and two-day single and double FITA scores of 576 and 1,152 points were out of 600 and 1,200 total possible points, respectively, and constitute new Star FITA and national indoor championship tournament records. Erika's scores were the fourth highest shot by any female archer, adults included, during this year's national indoor championship tournament.

During March 9-10, Erika competed in and won the National Field Archery Association's (NFAA) Midwest Indoor Sectional Tournament which was held in Amana, Iowa. She won this tournament for the seventh consecutive year while competing in the Youth Female Freestyle Division (ages 12-14) with first and second day scores of 300-54x and 300-57x, respectively. Her two-day total aggregate score of 600-111x was again one of the highest scores shot at this tournament among all competitors (adults included) from throughout a seven-state area.

The following weekend on March 16-17, Erika traveled to Lincoln, Nebraska where she also won her division of competition in the Nebraska State Archery Association's Indoor Championship tournament. During the two-day tournament, she shot scores of 300-59x and 300-55x for a total combined score of 600-114x. To put this into perspective, all 120 of the arrows that Erika shot during the tournament hit the 8-centimeter diameter bulls eye on her target, with 114 of those shots hitting the inner X-ring, which only measures 4 centimeters across. For the second year in row, her score was the highest among all competitors (adults included) at this tournament.

Erika ended the indoor archery tournament season by winning the Youth Female Freestyle Division of competition at the NFAA's Indoor National Championship tournament that was held in Kansas City, Missouri on April 6-7. Erika's first and second day scores of 300-56x and 300-51x combined to set a new national record score of 600-107x for her division of competition at the tournament. Her score was the second highest shot by any amateur female archer at the tournament, adults included.

Erika is a seventh 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.