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**ERIKA ANSCHUTZ CONCLUDES INDOOR ARCHERY SEASON
AS THE TOP YOUNG FEMALE ARCHER IN THE U.S.**

Seventeen-year-old Erika Anschutz of Grand Island, Nebraska added another jewel to her crown as the top young female archer in the U.S. by winning the prestigious Professional Women's Freestyle division of competition at the National Field Archery Association's (NFAA) 27th Annual National Indoor Championship tournament in Louisville, Kentucky during March 18-19, 2006. After shooting 120 arrows for score over the course of two days of close competition against 18 other professional women archers from throughout the U.S. and Canada, Erika found herself in a tie for first place with Christie Colin from Buffalo, New York who was the defending NFAA indoor national champion. Their tied score of 600-117X (out of a total possible of 600-120X) also matched the tournament record in the professional women's division, a score which until now was jointly held by three other female archers dating back to 1988. This set the stage for an exciting ten-arrow shoot-off in front of a crowd of several hundred spectators to determine who would win the national indoor title and nearly \$8,000 in prize and contingency money. Despite the drama of the tense situation and all that was at stake, Erika was able to maintain her composure as she proceeded to shoot each of her ten arrows into the 1.5-inch diameter X-rings of the multi-spot target face from a distance of 20 yards. The tie was broken in Erika's favor after Christie could only manage to shoot nine of her ten arrows into the target X-rings during the shoot-off for first place and the national championship title.

Although Erika has been involved with archery for ten years, having won numerous national and world titles in the sport, this is her first year competing as a professional archer. She joined the pro ranks at the onset of the 2005-2006 indoor archery season after accepting invitations to become a member of the pro staffs for each Hoyt and Easton, which are two of the leading archery equipment manufacturers in the world, and who have also sponsored her for a number of years.

In addition to winning the recent NFAA tournament, Erika won two other national titles this season by shooting her way to first place in the Junior Women Compound Bow division (ages 18 and under) at each the Junior Olympic Archery Development Program and the National Archery Association's (NAA) 37th Annual National Indoor Championship tournaments that were held in College Station, Texas during March 3-5, 2006. While competing in the NAA national championship tournament, her one-day score of 593 points and two-day aggregate score of 1,180 points resulted in the establishment of four new national records (including two tournament records) for her division of competition. In addition to being a new tournament and national record, Erika's one-day score of 593 points was particularly impressive as it unofficially tied the world record score in the Senior Women Compound Bow division that is currently held by Christie Colin (who shot-off against Erika at the NFAA's tournament in Louisville). Under international rules, a world record can only be officially recognized as tied if the two scores are shot concurrently in the same tournament. As a result of Erika's latest accomplishments, she has now won an amazing total of 34 national championship tournaments and established 130 national records, including 16 world records, over the past decade of

involvement with the sport.

Erika will graduate from Grand Island Senior High School in May 2006, and plans to further her education at the University of Nebraska this coming fall. 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, while Jurita works for The Procter & Gamble Company at its Iams facility in Aurora, Nebraska.