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ERIKA ANSCHUTZ WINS BRONZE MEDAL IN SOUTH KOREA WITH U.S. WORLD ARCHERY TEAM

Erika Anschutz of Hamilton, Ohio won a bronze medal as a member of the U.S. World Archery Team that competed in the 45th World Outdoor Target Archery Championships in Ulsan, South Korea during September 1-9. The tournament, which is held once every two years, was attended by 412 archers representing 64 nations around the globe. The U.S. team was comprised of twelve men and women archers from across the nation that were divided into four, three-person teams based on their gender and type of bow used (recurve or compound). Erika, who was one of the younger members of the U.S. team, was joined on the women's compound bow team by Kendal Nicely of Gorham, Maine, and Diane Watson from Tampa, Florida.

During the individual competition event, Erika shot against 83 other archers representing 37 countries. The qualification round consists of 36 arrows being shot at each of four target distances (i.e., 70, 60, 50, and 30 meters). A 122-centimeter target face is used for both of the two long distances while an 80-centimeter target face is used for each of the two short distances. Based on the results of that round of competition, the archers were numerically ranked and assigned to tournament bracket pairings in preparation for the 12-arrow Olympic Round elimination matches which are shot at a distance of 70 meters on a 122-centimeter target face.

During the individual Olympic Round event, Erika received a bye for the 1/64 elimination round and was then paired in the 1/32 round against the much lower ranked June Svensen from Norway whom she easily defeated (113-108). In the 1/16 round, she again shot well and won a close match against the top British archer, Nichola Simpson (113-112). The stage was now set for Erika to shoot in the 1/8 round against the Russian ace, Albina Loginova, who was seeded number two in the individual elimination bracket. During the first end of six arrows in their 12-arrow match, Loginova shot a perfect score of 60 points versus 58 points by Erika. Although she trailed by two points with six arrows remaining to be shot in the final end of the match, Erika fought back with her own perfect end score of 60 points, which included five arrows shot into the center X-ring of the target. However, the Russian managed to shoot a final end score of 59 points to narrowly defeat Erika by one point (119-118). This was by far the highest scoring match shot during any of the individual elimination rounds in the women's compound bow division of competition. It is worth mentioning that during July 2009, Erika defeated Loginova by a one point margin (111-110) to win the bronze medal match in the collegiate women's compound bow individual event at the 25th World University Games in Belgrade, Serbia.

Unfortunately, Erika was not alone in her defeat in the individual elimination round as none of the other U.S. women compound bow archers advanced beyond the second tier of the event. In the final outcome of the women's compound bow division of competition, Erika finished in ninth place as Loginova proceeded to win the gold medal while Jorina Coetzee from the Republic of South Africa and Italy's Laura Longo won the silver and bronze medals, respectively.

During the women's compound bow team event that included representation from 21 nations, the

U.S. team was seeded in the third spot behind the Koreans and Russians which were ranked first and second, respectively. The seeding for this event was based on the combined scores for each of the three archers representing their respective country during the 144-arrow qualification round. In the team event, each three-person team shoots a total of 24 arrows (eight arrows per archer) at a 122-centimeter target from a distance of 70 meters. During the 1/8 elimination round, the U.S. women went up against the defending world champion team from Belgium and managed an exciting come-from-behind victory, the final outcome of which was not decided until the last arrow shot in the match by Erika hit the 10-ring on the target to seal the deal (221-220). In the quarter-finals, the U.S. team outscored their Dutch counterparts (222-215) to advance to the next level of the competition. The semi-final match paired the U.S. team against the Russians. Unfortunately, the U.S. women were not able to maintain the momentum that they had gained thus far in the event and were defeated by a ten-point margin (229-219). The finals round for the bronze medal had the U.S. squaring off with Mexico in a match that the U.S. easily won (223-208). The gold medal in the women's compound team event was won by Russia while Korea claimed the silver medal.

This was the eleventh U.S. World Archery Team that Erika has competed on in the past seven years, and her third experience as a member of a senior U.S. team. Especially noteworthy is the fact that Erika has won one or more medals every time she has represented the U.S. in world championship competition. As a result of her recent performance at the 45th World Outdoor Target Archery Championships in South Korea, she has amassed an amazing total of 17 world archery titles since her first international event in 2002, including six gold, four silver, and seven bronze medals. During this same period, she has also shot a total of 21 world record scores in indoor and outdoor competition. In addition to South Korea, she has had the privilege of traveling to, and competing in, such countries as the Czech Republic, France, England, Denmark, Spain, Mexico, Germany, Taiwan, Poland, and Serbia. At the national level, Erika has also been very successful in archery competition as she has won a total of 41 national championships and established 161 national records since becoming involved with the sport 13 years ago. During March of this year, Erika won gold and bronze medals in the women's compound bow team and individual events, respectively, and helped set a new world record score as a member of the U.S. World Indoor Archery Team that successfully competed in the 10th World Indoor Archery Championships in Rzeszow, Poland. She was also a member of the U.S. Collegiate World Outdoor Archery Team that traveled to Belgrade, Serbia a few months later in July for the 25th World University Games where she won a silver medal in the mixed compound bow team event and a bronze medal in individual competition.

For more information about how Erika and her fellow U.S. team members performed at the 45th World Outdoor Target Archery Championships, go to the National Archery Association's website at <http://www.usarchery.org/>. Additional information about the tournament may also be accessed at <http://www.archery.org/>. Further information about Erika and all of her archery accomplishments can be found at her website <http://www.erikaanschutz.homestead.com/>.

Erika is a senior, majoring in psychology, this fall semester at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska. In addition to archery, she enjoys listening to music, watching movies, playing card games, and spending time with her family and friends. Erika is the daughter of Steve and Jurita Anschutz who reside in Hamilton, Ohio. Steve is a retired Federal employee, while Jurita works for The Procter & Gamble Corporation in Cincinnati.