



Archery



Competition Sequence

Olympic Archery competition was held on 12 and 15-21 August.

| Wed | Thu | Fr | Sat | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fr | Sat | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fr | Sat | Sun |
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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |

Archery is an exciting sport that is growing in popularity. Anyone can participate, man, woman or child. To be successful as an athlete in this sport requires years of practice and development of both mental and physical skills. Archers develop techniques to fully control their body movement, their endurance and their mental steadiness, when preparing to meet the challenge of match days.

Description

The Olympic Archery competition takes place outdoors, in the following four categories of events:

| Men's: 2 | Women's: | Total: 4 |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Individual Events | Individual Events | |
| Team Events | Team Events | |

Competitors shoot standing, aiming to land their arrow in the smallest (central) circle, 12cm in diameter, on a target face 122cm in diameter, placed 70m away. The target consists often coloured concentric circles known as "rings". An arrow in the innermost circle (the bull's eye) counts for ten points, whereas an arrow in the outermost circle (the "outer") for one. An arrow landing successfully in a ring between these two is worth from two to nine points.

The Archery competition in the ATHENS 2004 Olympic Games was held at the high-profile Competition Venue, the historic Panathinaiko Stadium.

Venue

The Panathinaiko Stadium, widely known as "Kallimarmaro", is the stadium where the first modern Olympic Games were held in 1896. Even in ancient years, the area where the Panathinaiko (or Panathenian) Stadium stands today was largely used to host the Panathenean Games, festival events that were held to honour the Greek goddess Athena (the goddess of wisdom, skills and warfare and patron of the city of Athens in ancient Greece). The time had come to serve once again as one of the competition venues for this great sporting event, the 2004 Olympic Games.

The renovations that took place under the responsibility of the General Secretariat of Sports and the Ministry of Culture, included upgrades and modifications on its infrastructure, mainly in the scope of restoration of the monument, configuration of the track and surrounding areas, incorporation of lighting and establishment of fire-fighting systems. During the ATHENS 2004 Olympic Games Archery competition, the Stadium's total capacity was 34.500 for the Marathon finish and 7.500 for Archery, in which 128 athletes participated. The stadium's unique atmosphere, combined with the vocal crowds, inspired all competitors to excel in their endeavours.

| Competitors: 128 | | NOC:43 |
|------------------|---------|--------|
| Event | Archers | NOC |
| Men | | |
| Individual | 64 | 35 |
| Team | 39 | 13 |
| Women | | |
| Individual | 64 | 31 |
| Team | 45 | 15 |

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Competitors remove their arrows at practice before the men's individual archery eliminations match on 16 August 2004.
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Games Highlights

For the sixth Olympic Games in a row Korea was the dominant nation in the Archery events at ATHENS 2004, winning three of the four gold medals.

Women's Individual/Women's Team

Korea's women won both the Individual and Team competitions; since their first participation in the sport in the 1984 Olympic Games they have won 11 gold medals. Sung Hyun PARK won the gold winner in women's individual. In the Women's Team competition, China came within the critical point of beating Korea in the final. Chinese Taipei won their first Olympic Archery medal in the Women's Team competition and a day later the silver in the Men's event. Mi Jin YUN (KOR) was the only woman to set a new Olympic record, shattering the previous 1/16 and 1/8 combined best by six points.

Men's Individual/Men's Team

The Korean men won the Team gold medal repeating once again the victory at the Sydney Olympic Games. However, their failure to win the Individual gold was met with dismay by the Korean Archery fraternity since they have still never claimed the Men's Individual Olympic gold medal. The 42 Japanese veteran Hiroshi YAMAMOTO beat the Australian teenager Tim CUDDIHY by hitting a 10 and winning the silver in the Individual men's competition, while Tim CUDDIHY had to settle for the bronze. In reaching the podium CUDDIHY set a new 36-arrow combined Olympic record of 340 points, one of four individual Olympic records to be broken at the Panathinaiko Stadium. In the Men's Individual competition PARK set a new 18-arrow Olympic record in the 1/8 Elimination Round and Szu Yuan CHEN (TPE) broke the 1/16 and 1/8 combined Olympic record.

From Jennifer NICHOLS' (USA) first arrow to PARK'S winning 10 with the last shot of the Men's Team final, the Archery event at ATHENS 2004 will hold a special place in the hearts of all Archery enthusiasts for many years to come.

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World top ranking male archer, Im Dong Hyun, 18, from South Korea aims for the target during a practice session. The Korean Men's team won gold on 21 August. © AFP/R. Gacad

Japan's Hiroshi Yamamoto releases an arrow during the men's individual first round archery event on 16 August. He went on to win silver three days later. © REUTERS/M. Rossi

Egypt's May Mansour prepares prior to a shot during the women's individual archery. © REUTERS/M. Rossi

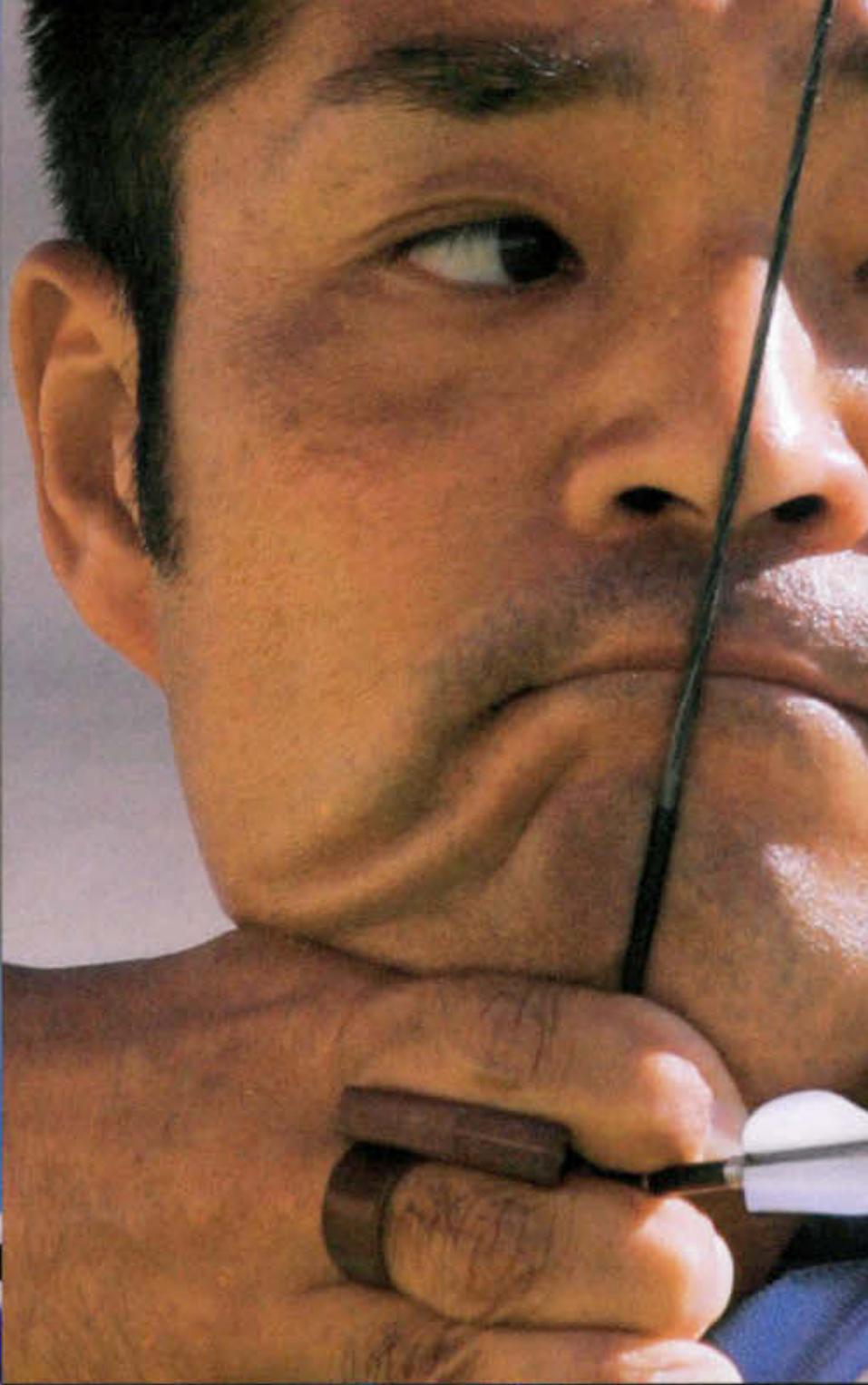
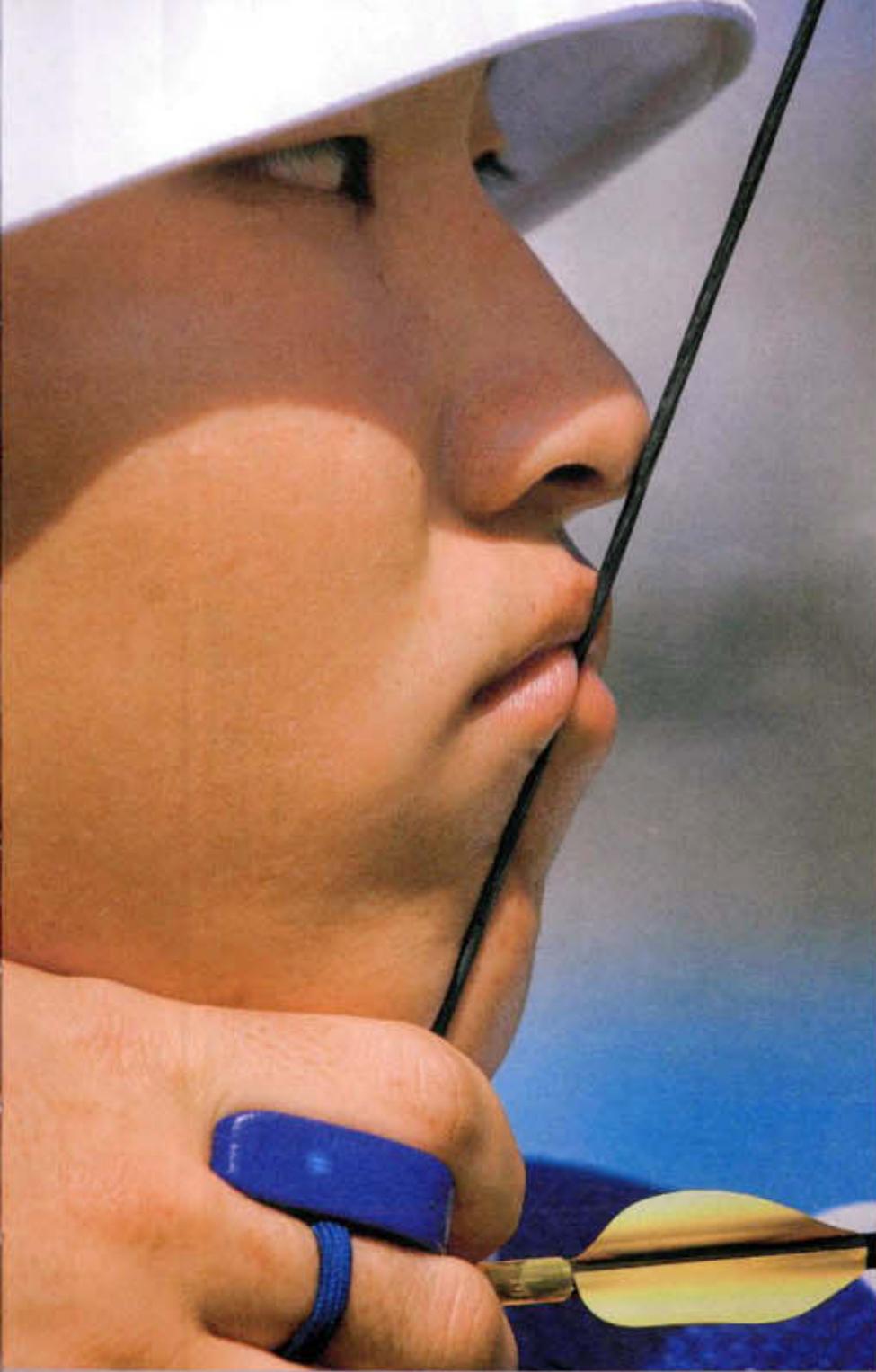
Britain's Alison Williamson reacts during the women's individual archery. She left Athens with a bronze medal. © REUTERS/M. Rossi

| Men's Individual | | |
|------------------|------------------|-----|
| | Name | NOC |
| Gold | GALIAZZO Marco | ITA |
| Silver | YAMAMOTO Hiroshi | JPN |
| Bronze | CUDDIHY Tim | AUS |
| 4th | GODFREY Laurence | GBR |
| 5th | PARK Kyung Mo | KOR |
| 6th | IM Dong Hyun | KOR |
| 7th | CHEN Szu Yuan | TPE |
| 8th | WUNDERLE Vic | USA |

| Women's Individual | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----|
| | Name | NOC |
| Gold | PARK Sung Hyun | KOR |
| Silver | LEE Sungjin | KOR |
| Bronze | WILLIAMSON Alison | GBR |
| 4th | YUAN Shu Chi | TPE |
| 5th | YUN Mi Jin | KOR |
| 6th | WU Hui Ju | TPE |
| 7th | PSARRA Evangelia | GRE |
| 8th | HE Ying | CHN |

| Men's Team | | |
|------------|--------------------------|-----|
| | Team | NOC |
| Gold | Korea | KOR |
| Silver | Chinese Taipei | TPE |
| Bronze | Ukraine | UKR |
| 4th | United States of America | USA |
| 5th | Netherlands | NED |
| 6th | Australia | AUS |
| 7th | Italy | ITA |
| 8th | Japan | JPN |

| Women's Team | | |
|--------------|----------------------------|-----|
| | Team | NOC |
| Gold | Korea | KOR |
| Silver | People's Republic of China | CHN |
| Bronze | Chinese Taipei | TPE |
| 4th | France | FRA |
| 5th | Greece | GRE |
| 6th | Ukraine | UKR |
| 7th | Germany | GER |
| 8th | India | IND |



Panathinaiko Stadium

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Games Highlights

Men's Events

Men's 100m

Justin GATLIN (USA) won the Olympic 100m title, taking gold with a personal best and this year's world leading time of 9.85. In the closest 100m finish in Olympic history, GATLIN was just one one-hundredth of a second ahead of Portugal's Francis OBIKWELU (9.86). Defending champion Maurice GREENE (USA) finished third in 9.87, the same time that he ran in

| Men's 100m | | | |
|------------|------------------|-----|--------|
| | Name | NOC | Result |
| Gold | GATLIN Justin | USA | 9.85 |
| Silver | OBIKWELU Francis | POR | 9.86 |
| Bronze | GREENE Maurice | USA | 9.87 |
| 4th | CRAWFORD Shawn | USA | 9.89 |
| 5th | POWELL Asafa | JAM | 9.94 |
| 6th | COLLINS Kim | SKN | 10.00 |
| 7th | THOMPSON Obadele | BAR | 10.10 |
| | ZAKARI Aziz | GHA | DNF |

| Men's 400m | | | |
|------------|-------------------|-----|--------|
| | Name | NOC | Result |
| Gold | WARINER Jeremy | USA | 44.00 |
| Silver | HARRIS Otis | USA | 44.16 |
| Bronze | BREW Derrick | USA | 44.42 |
| 4th | FRANCIQUE Alleyne | GRN | 44.66 |
| 5th | SIMPSON Brandon | JAM | 44.76 |
| 6th | CLARKE Davian | JAM | 44.83 |
| 7th | DJHONE Leslie | FRA | 44.94 |
| 8th | BLACKWOOD Michael | JAM | 45.55 |

Sydney to win gold four years earlier Asafa POWELL, the quickest man in the semi-finals, couldn't repeat his dominating performance and finished in fifth place with 9.94. World champion Kim COLLINS (SKN), was back in sixth place in a season's best 10.00.

Men's 200m

Shawn CRAWFORD (USA) took the men's 200m title, after barely missing a medal in the 100m. He recorded a world leading time of 19.79. Fellow countrymen Bernard WILLIAMS and 100m winner Justin GATLIN completed the podium in 20.01 and 20.03 respectively. The 100m silver medallist Francis OBIKWELU didn't show his usual powerful surge in the home straight. The Portuguese had to settle for fourth, in the same time as Frank FREDERICKS (20.14). Twelve years after his double silver medals (100m and 200m) in Barcelona, and eight years after the same tally in Atlanta, Namibia's veteran remained just a place short of the medal bracket. Asafa POWELL (JAM) was a non-starter in the race.

Men's 400m

The men's 400m was the first American sweep, followed later by the 200m. Jeremy WARINER defeated his fellow countrymen Otis HARRIS and Derrick BREW, winning the gold. HARRIS took the silver with 44.16, whereas BREW won the bronze with 44.42. In the fourth place was Alleyne FRANCIQUE (GRN), whilst the fifth and sixth place went to the Jamaican athletes Brandon SIMPSON and Davian CLARKE respectively.

Men's 800m

Yuriy BORZAKOVSKIY (RUS) crossed the finishing line first to take the gold medal in the 800m. It was a perfectly timed run by the fast finishing Russian, his late burst taking him past silver medallist Mbulaeni MULAUDZI (RSA) and Wilson KIPKETER of Denmark, who won the bronze.

| Men's 200m | | | |
|------------|-------------------|-----|--------|
| | Name | NOC | Result |
| Gold | CRAWFORD Shawn | USA | 19.79 |
| Silver | WILLIAMS Bernard | USA | 20.01 |
| Bronze | GATLIN Justin | USA | 20.03 |
| 4th | FREDERICKS Frank | NAM | 20.14 |
| 5th | OBIKWELU Francis | POR | 20.14 |
| 6th | BUCKLAND Stephane | MRI | 20.24 |
| 7th | UNGER Tobias | GER | 20.64 |
| | POWELL Asafa | JAM | DNS |

| Men's 800m | | | |
|------------|---------------------|-----|---------|
| | Name | NOC | Result |
| Gold | BORZAKOVSKIY Yuriy | RUS | 1:44.45 |
| Silver | MULAUDZI Mbulaeni | RSA | 1:44.61 |
| Bronze | KIPKETER Wilson | DEN | 1:44.65 |
| 4th | CHEHIBI Mouhssin | MAR | 1:45.16 |
| 5th | BUNGEI Wilfred | KEN | 1:45.31 |
| 6th | SEPENG Hezekiel | RSA | 1:45.53 |
| 7th | SAID GUERNI Djabir | ALG | 1:45.61 |
| 8th | ISMAIL Ismail Ahmed | SUD | 1:52.49 |



ATHENS 2004



The Paralympic Games



Archery

Competition Sequence

Paralympic Archery competition took place within the span of six days from 21 to 26 September

Description

As the majority of sports for persons with a disability, Archery originally started as a rehabilitation and recreation activity. Over the past fifty years, this sport gives the chance to athletes with a disability to practice their expertise, accuracy, strength and concentration. Athletes with a physical disability such as spinal injuries, cerebral palsy, amputations and Les Autres participate in Paralympic Archery.

The competition format in the Paralympic Games is called the "Olympic Round". A total of 96 archers (64 men and 32 women) participate in the Olympic round. For each of the three classes -ARW1, ARW2, and ARST- there are individual men and women events. In the individual women event, archers from ARW1 and ARW2 classes may choose to compete together

In the team events, every team consists of three athletes with the same nationality. Both men and women team events are open to all categories, meaning that athletes from all three classes can form a team.

ARW2 athletes are mainly athletes with paraplegia and limited movement of the lower limbs. Athletes compete in a wheelchair.

ARST athletes are athletes with limited mobility of the lower limbs, who are though able to walk. Athletes in this category can choose to compete either standing or on a stool.

In Archery each athlete's aim is to land the arrows in the "inner" ring of the target, so as to earn the highest score. The targets are placed 70 metres away from the athletes. Each target is 1,22 metres in diameter and consists often scoring zones marked out as ten concentric circles or rings.

A hit in the innermost ring scores 10 points, a hit in the outermost ring scores 1 point, and a hit in one of the rings between scores from 2 to 9 points, depending on which ring the arrow will pierce. If the arrow lands on the boundary between two rings, the higher score is awarded. If it pierces another arrow, valid is the score earned by the first arrow. If the arrow bounds on the target, the draw counts only when a trace is left on the target.

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| Men's: 2 | Women's: 3 | |
| Individual Events: 3 | Individual Events: 2 | Total: 7 |
| Team Events: 1 | Teams Events: 1 | |

Venue

At the 2004 Paralympic Games in Athens, the Archery events were held at the Olympic Baseball Centre of the Helliniko Olympic Complex.

Athletes are classified into three classes: ARW1, ARW2 and ARST.

ARW1 athletes are mainly athletes with tetraplegia and with limitation on the movements of the upper and lower limbs. ARW1 athletes compete in a wheelchair.

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Paralympic Archery at the Olympic Baseball Centre of the Helliniko Complex.
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