

MEDALS STANDINGS As of 7 MAY 2011

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Three medals for World Cup recurve champion Brady **ELLISON**

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Porec - 7 May 2011

Saturday afternoon brought the World Cup Stage 1 in Porec, Croatia to an end. It featured all finals in the recurve division, with matches being shot at 70m. Korea and USA took all five gold medals in recurve. The reigning World Cup Final winner Brady ELLISON led the American team, winning the men's individual and team events and taking silver in the mixed team competition. The Korean HAN Gyeonghee clinched the women's individual and team gold medals, while her fellow countrymen JUNG Dasomi and OH Jin Hyek won the mixed event.

Recurve Men Individual – Gold



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KIM Woojin (KOR/5) v Brady ELLISON (USA/6)

The young 18-year-olk KIM already has international experience. In 2010 he finished 1st at the Asian Games in Guangzhou and 5th at the World Cup Final in Edinburgh. ELLISON, 22 years old, holds none the less than the World Cup Final, Longines Prize for Precision and Porec titles.

ELLISON had a perfect opening with two 10s. Despite an 8 at his third arrow, he managed to get the first two set points to lead 2-0. The two archers showed great shooting skills in the second set with 29 points each. The American kept the lead at 3-1. The reigning World Cup champion seemed to be eager to start the new season as he finished it! He shot a perfect third set to increase his advantage to 5-1, only one set point away from victory. But KIM tried hard to stay in the match opening the fourth set with two 10s. Unfortunately for the Korean, he then finished the end with an 8, giving an opportunity to his opponent to clinch the match. With a final 9, ELLISON tied the set and took one set point to add another gold medal to his record.

Recurve Men Individual – Bronze

Viktor RUBAN (UKR/25) v Jake KAMINSKI (USA/15)

The Olympic champion from Ukraine enters the bronze medal match as the favourite. He leads 2-0 in his head-to-head history against the American. They met two times in the World Cup, in Porec 2009 and Antalya 2010. Besides winning the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, RUBAN also finished 1st at the Universiade in 2009. KAMINSKI had a good start this season with 3rd place at the Arizona Cup last month.

The best start was for the American with 9-10-10 to take the first two set points and lead 2-0. In the second set, both athletes scored 29 points out of a possible 30 to get one set point each and the lead remained American at 3-1. Taking advantage of an 8 by KAMINSKI in the third set, RUBAN tied up the match at 3-3. The next set became interested for the Ukrainian when his opponent opened with a 6, leaving the door open. Despite a 7 in this set, RUBAN managed to win the two set points and take the lead for the first time of the match, 5-3. The Olympic champion was on the right trail and with a fantastic final set, 10-10-10 (!) he clinched bronze in Porec (7-3).



Recurve Women Individual – Gold Pia Carmen LIONETTI (ITA/20) v HAN Gyeonghee (KOR/3)

The Korean, 18 years old, is a newcomer at senior international level. But she is the reigning team junior world champion (Ogden 2009). Six year older, her opponent from Italy was 2nd in Porec in 2009 and 3rd in 2006 and hopes for gold this time.

Despite an opening 10, LIONETTI continued with an 8 and a 7 in the first set. With 29 points in the initial set, her opponent from Korea took the lead at 2-0. As she scored another 7 in the second set, the Italian saw HAN increase her lead at 4-0. It took a 29point series for LIONETTI to remain in the match as the Korean also had two 10s and a 9 in the third set. Each took one set point for a score of 5-1 in favour of HAN. Shooting another 8 at her second arrow in the fourth set, LIONETTI desperately needed a 10 to keep hopes alive. But with a 9 she left the opportunity to her contender to win the match. With a final 10 right in the middle of the target JUNG clinched gold (7-1)!

Recurve Women Individual – Bronze

JUNG Dasomi (KOR/1) v KI Bo Bae (KOR/2)

Porec is the first international competition for the 20-year-old JUNG Dasomi. However, together with her teammate HAN Gyeonghee who shoots for gold just after they took the place to shoot in Porec of none the less than the current world champion JOO Hyung-Jung and the lady with the most wins in the World Cup YUN Ok-Hee. JUNG's opponent of the day for bronze has more international experience. The 23-year-old KI Bo Bae was 3rd at the World Cup Final in Edinburgh last year and won the University World Championships back in 2008.

This all-Korean head-to-head was shot in the set format. JUNG took the lead 2-0 after shooting 27 points versus 26 for her fellow countrywoman. She again scored two 10s for a 29 score in the second set. Her opponent KI had two 9s and a 10 for 28 points. Taking the two points of the set, JUNG increased her lead at 4-0. In the third set the leader of the match opened with an 8, leaving the door open for her opponent to come back. With 9-10-10 KI won the two set points at stake to only trail 2-4. Same situation in the fourth set with JUNG opening with an 8 and KI getting two 10s and a 9! The latter won the two set points to tie the match (4-4) with only one set to go. In the final set the two Koreans scored 9-10-9 each for another tie (5-5) and a shoot-off coming! JUNG shot first in the tie-break and released a 9 very close to the 10-ring. KI then had a 9 also, close to the 10-ring as well. After measurement was needed, KI's arrow proved 1cm away from the 10-ring, while JUNG's was 5mm... to win bronze!

Recurve Mixed Team – Gold

Korea (1) v USA (6) JUNG Dasomi is a newcomer at international level but she can rely on her teammate's experience. OH Jin Hyek is the reigning team world champion and winner of the Asian Games in November with his country. They face an experienced American pair with reigning World Cup winner and No. 2 in the world Brady ELLISON and 4-time Olympian Khatuna



LORIG who just won the Arizona Cup last month.

ELLISON was back on the field after winning the team's gold with his male teammates in the previous match. Paired with LORIG in the mixed event, he took the lead after four arrows 37-36. As LORIG scored an 8 at her team's sixth arrow, the situation was reversed with Korea leading 55-54 after eight arrows. But the experienced American lady closed the half-way mark with a 10 to tie up the match at 73-73. In the third end, Korea's OH and JUNG scored another 37-point end to reach 110 points. With another 8 by LORIG at the end of this end, Team USA trailed by one with a 109 total. Proving the most consistent team on the field Korea finally clinched victory with a strong last end of 38 points and a final score of 148-146.

Recurve Men Team – Gold

India (5) v USA (3)

Since 2005 India and USA have faced each other nine times. The only win by the Americans was at the World University Championships last year when the match was shot in the set system format. Back to the cumulative scoring for teams will the Indians have the advantage of the format this time again?

The teams started the match with 56 points each for a tie after six arrows. The Indians TALUKDAR, RAI and BANERJEE continued with even greater shooting with four 10s and two 9s. The American KAMINSKI scored a 7 at his team's 10th arrow. His teammate ELLISON, reigning World Cup champion, kept USA in the race with two 10s in this end. The Americans trailed by three at 111-114 at the half-way mark. KAMINSKI, FANCHIN and ELLISON took advantage of two 8s by their opponents to open the third series to recover two points and get back very close at 167-168. The Indians lost focus for whatever reason and with three 8s in the final end, they saw Team USA get ahead of them to win gold 221-219.



Recurve Women Team – Gold

Korea (1) v Russia (3) Korea and Russia have met five times between 2006 and 2009 with all wins by the Asian team. They did not face each other last year. Let's see if Russia can do better this time!

With three 8s in the first end BOMBOEVA, ERDYNIYEVA and STEPANOVA did not have the best possible start but they remained in the match

thanks to the Korean KI who opened the match for her team with a 7. Russia trailed by one point after six arrows (53-54). With three 10s within the second end, KI, JUNG and HAN dug the gap at 110-104, their opponents scoring another 7 and an 8 in this series. Russia seemed not to believe in their chances any longer... and though HAN scored a 6 (so rare for a Korean that it is noteworthy!) at her team's 18th arrow, Korea extended their lead at 162-154. The Asian young ladies continued on a high pace with four 10s and two 9s in the last end to clinch a comfortable win 220-207.

This put an end to the first stage of the World Cup 2010. The next event will be Stage 2 in Antalya from 6-12 June. Stay tuned on <u>www.worldarchery.org</u>!

The Americans WILLET and ANSCHUTZ win the first stage in compound Porec – 7 May 2011

The morning session on Saturday 7 May in downtown Porec was devoted to the Finals in the compound division at the first World Cup stage of the year. Compound matches were all shot at 50 metres. USA's dominance in the compound division was shown once again with four wins out of five events. In individual Rodger WILLET Jr. and Erika ANSCHUTZ clinched gold shooting close to perfection. USA also won the competition in men's team and mixed team. Only the women's team event was for another country, France.

Compound Men Individual – Gold

Rodger WILLET Jr. (USA/16) v Jorge JIMENEZ (ESA/11)

WILLET and JIMENEZ met last year in quarterfinal at the World Cup Stage 2 in Antalya with a win 5-1 by the American. The two archers are close by age (WILLET was born in 1962 and JIMENEZ in 1967) and also by their world ranking: the American is currently 6th, while his opponent from El Salvador is 5th. WILLET has proved to be in great shape lately with a victory at the Arizona Cup in April and a 2nd place at the Panamericana Games Qualifier in



Santo Domingo in March. JIMENEZ won the World Cup Final in Dubai back in 2007 and finished 5th in Edinburgh last year.

Amazing opening of the match for WILLET, the most consistent archer of the week here in Porec, leading the Longines Prize for Precision: X10-10-X10! This gave him a 1-point lead over JIMENEZ after the first end (30-29). The American maintained the fantastic pace with another 30-point second end to increase the lead at 60-58. Same 3-arrow series for each archer and same story: WILLET added another perfect end and another point to his advantage to lead 90-87. On the way to a possible world record (for that he needed to remain perfect up to the end of the match), the American lost a bit of focus with two 9s in the fourth end, but kept the lead at 118-116. He regained his self-control to release perfect arrows again to win gold 148-144. Though shooting only 9s and 10s, his opponent JIMENEZ could only take his hat off to the man on form at the moment.

Compound Men Individual – Bronze

Roberto HERNANDEZ (ESA/4) v Martin DAMSBO (DEN/10)

HERNANDEZ, 22 years old, won the bronze medal at the Shenzhen 2010 University World Championships. Three years older and ranked 4th in the world, DAMBSO's most notable individual results are 3rd places at the Leipzig 2007 World Championships and Vittel 2008 European Championships.

DAMSBO had the advantage of being already on the field before to shoot in the team's gold final. His opponent from El Salvador started the match with an 8 and trailed by two after three arrows (27-29). With a fantastic, perfect second end DAMSBO doubled his lead at 59-55. The Dane continued on a high pace to maintain a 4-point advantage (88-84). HERNANDEZ managed to take back one point with 29 points in the fourth end, but



DAMSBO seemed confortable, being on the field already before and knowing the wind. Except for an initial 8 that was very costly, combined with more 9s than his contender, HERNANDEZ shot a quite good match, but faced a more experienced DAMSBO who clinched bronze 145-142.

Compound Women Individual – Gold

Erika ANSCHUTZ (USA/4) v Viktoria BALZHANOVA (RUS/39)

ANSCHUTZ and BALZHANOVA, both 22 years old, met in semifinals at the 2009 Universiade in Belgrade with a win for the reigning European champion from Russia. But her opponent is now ranked 2nd in the world and finished 3rd at the World Cup Final 2010 in Edinburgh.

Advantage to America's ANSCHUTZ in the first end with 29 points versus 28 for her opponent from Russia. The match was close and the lead remained American for one point at 58-57 at the half-way mark. With two 10s to close

the third end BALZHANOVA tied up the match at 85-85. Feeling danger coming, ANSCHUTZ put pressure with two 10s and a 9. She recovered the lead 114-113. BALZHANOVA's inexperience showed during the match and even more at the end. Though still in the match before the last arrow, she closed it with an 8, which gave ANSCHUTZ the opportunity for a 10 leading to the win (143-141).

Compound Women Individual – Bronze

Diane WATSON (USA/8) v Laura LONGO (ITA/14)

The two ladies are in a good shape right now. WATSON was 2nd at the Panamericana Games Qualifier in Santo Domingo back in March this year. To get to the bronze medal match in Porec, she beat two French competitors TCHEPIKOFF and LEBECQUE and her teammate COLIN (No. 1 seed). In the semis, the American lost to another teammate ANSCHUTZ (No. 4). The Italian LONGO won the European Grand Prix in Antalya three weeks ago.

The American lady opened the match with an 8 but followed with two 10s. With 29 points in the first end, her opponent from Italy took a 1-point lead at 29-28. It was LONGO's turn to open with an 8 and the match reversed 56-55 in favour of WATSON. Fantastic third end for LONGO with two X10 and a 10! The Italian took back the lead at 85-83. It seemed like WATSON was chasing her sight... while LONGO was in the fully in the match. The gap was maintained with one end to go at 113-111. WATSON clinched the match with 29 points out of 30, not enough to recover, as LONGO added another 29 to win bronze 142-140.

Compound Mixed Team

USA (1) v Slovenia (10) The top seeded mixed team, with Christie COLLIN/Reo WILDE, faces Slovenia's Toja CERNE/Slavko TURSIC. The Slovenians defeated the No. 2 and No. 3 seeded teams, Belgium and France, on their way to the gold final.

Back on the field just after shooting in the men team's gold medal match WILDE scored two 10s in the first end. With his teammate shooting 9-10, the Americans took a 1-point lead (39-38). The young lady from Slovenia



CERNE seemed really nervous scoring an 8 in the second end. Her teammate TURSIC also closed the second end with an 8. With WILDE releasing only perfect arrows up to the half-way point, the Americans doubled their advantage at 77-73. The Slovenians regained their self-control in the third end. The two teams scored three 10s and a 9 and the gap remained at 116-112. WILDE certainly had a big advantage being on the field before for another match. He proved once again his great skills shooting only 10s in this match to offer victory to Team USA by 155-150.

Compound Men Team

USA (1) v Denmark (3)

Same gold final as last year between USA and Denmark! At the time USA came out the winner 30-28 in a shoot-off after the teams were tied at 229-229.

Most of the shooters started with arrows on the left side of the target. After three perfect arrows to open the match LAURSEN, JOHANNESSEN and DAMBSO seemed to realise they were ahead of the powerful Team USA and they started to get nervous. The Danes then scored 9-8-9 to trail by two points (56-58). Both teams seeded to have calmed down and started shooting as they are used to. Each scored a fantastic third end with 59 points, and GELLENTHIEN, WILLET and WILDE kept the lead at 117-115. Team USA stayed in control of the match as the two teams added 57 points to their total (174-172). Five 10s in the last end for the Americans to answer to four 10s by their opponents and clinch gold one more time in Porec (233-230)!



Compound Women Team

Sweden (9) v France (3) Sweden and France met once in the past in quarterfinals at the World Championships 2009 in Ulsan where the Swedes were the winners. DANIELSSON, JOHANSSON and SJOWALL shot for Sweden. The latter was 2001 target world champion and then shot field archery for a few years. She is making her comeback in target archery this year. CHESSE, LEBECQUE and TCHEPIKOFF were the French representatives in this match.

Sweden trailed by six points (51-

57) after the first end with everything going wrong on their last arrow. It was a 5 with only two seconds left on the clock. The Swedes looked a little tense... But they managed to recover two points taking advantage of an 8 from their opponents (107-111). The gap even narrowed at three after the third French shooter CHESSE scored a 7 to clinch the third end (166-163 for France). On the last arrow France needed 7 or better to win and their scored a 10 to clinch gold (221-217)!

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