

ULSAN KOREA
REPORT FROM THE WORLD TARGET CHAMPIONSHIPS

FIRST EVER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MEDAL FOR NEW ZEALAND

Today in Ulsan, Korea New Zealand archery history was made when Stephen Clifton from Auckland won the Bronze medal in the men's compound division.

The semi final match in the morning was very tough. Steve was up against the number one seed, Reo Wilde from USA, a former world champion and someone shooting at the top of his form.

Reo shot first and the arrows were 10-10-10 to Steve's 9-9-10.

In all the American dropped only won point scoring 119 from a possible 120.

Steve had a very good effort but against that kind of shooting it is difficult to win.

However Steve's final 3 arrows were 10-10-10 and that set him up for the Bronze medal match against Duo of Spain.

Steve shot first with a 10 which was matched by the Spaniard. But after 3 arrows Steve was 2 points behind. That spurred him to greater efforts and as he shot 10s the Spaniard shot an 8 and also a 9. Steve's final end of 10-10-10 clinched the match 117-114.

The medal ceremony later in the day was a great thrill to everyone and any excess baggage payment will be worth it!

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