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AMAZING ARCHERY WORLD CUP RESULTS

In the 3rd stage of the 2009 World Cup competition taking place in the Mediterranean city of Antalya, Turkey, the New Zealand archers are achieving results not seen since the high days of the late Neroli Fairhall. They are seeking international competition to try to emulate her feat of winning a Commonwealth Games gold medal. The Commonwealth Games will take place in Delhi in 2010. This is the first time the women's compound team has competed in an international competition

- **WOMEN'S COMPOUND TEAM IN GOLD MEDAL FINAL AND WIN!!!!**
- **LINDA LAINCHBURY BEATS WORLD CUP CHAMPION AND REACHES QUARTER-FINALS**
- **STEPHEN CLIFTON AND SHAUN TEASDALE IN QUARTER-FINALS**

Women's compound team event

Although seeded 9th the women's compound team of **Linda Lainchbury, Mandy McGregor and Anne Mitchell** knocked over the 8th seeded Germans 218-200. Gaining confidence they then went on to edge out the No 1 seeds Venezuela. The match was close and New Zealand was trailing 107-109 but they finally won 213-212! Next up was one of the favourites for the title – Italy -but the Kiwi women were not to be denied. Although trailing 51-56 after the first end, a near perfect 59 (out of 60) tied the match at 102 each. Then they took the advantage 154-149 and did not let up in the last end, winning 207-202 to give themselves a place in the final. The final was at approx 12.50am Sunday morning our time. The arrow by arrow results can still be followed on the FITA web site (www.archery.org) click on the Antalya results link.

Gold medal final

Following their "surprise" appearance in the finals match in the FITA World Cup being held in Antalya, Turkey, the New Zealand women's compound team of Anne

Mitchell, Linda Lainchbury and Mandy McGregor, went all the way and captured the gold medal!

New Zealand shot first against the Greek team and were one point ahead after 3 arrows. After 6 arrows we were 1 point behind (49-50).

But that was the last the Greek women saw of the lead. In the second end consistent shooting by the 3 Kiwis saw them move to a 5-point lead.

The pressure was further increased over the next 2 ends with the gold safely won with one arrow still to shoot. The final score was New Zealand 211- Greece 204.

This is the best ever result of a New Zealand team and we are hugely proud of these 3 women.

Unfortunately this outstanding achievement was not enough to spur Linda, Shaun Teasdale and Steve Clifton to greater glory when went into their individual quarter final matches in the wee small hours of Monday morning our time.

Women's compound individual event

Clearly buoyed by the success of the team event semi-final **Linda Lainchbury** caused what was probably the upset of the tournament by beating hot favourite and reigning World Cup Champion Jamie Van Natta of USA in the 1/8 elimination round. Jamie said she was feeling very strong having shot 4 consecutive 1400 FITA rounds but then there was Linda! Linda lead after the first two ends 57-55 and held the 2 point lead to the finish closing out the match 115-113.

Unfortunately for Linda, Camilla Soemod from Denmark, who was seeded 9th, finished her great run in the quarter finals with a score of 114 to Linda's 106.

Men's compound individual event

After what was for him a poor result in the FITA round (only 34th) **Stephen Clifton** made up for it by fighting his way through to the quarter-finals. A close match with 17th seed, Polman (Netherlands) saw the archers tied at 58-58 and 116-116. In the tie break Stephen scored a 10 to his opponent's 9.

In the quarter final match Stephen faced up to Dominique Genet of France (seeded 26) and just missed out progressing to the semi's by 2 points (111 to 113). Genet went on to take the Gold

In another part of the draw **Shaun Teasdale**, who had an excellent FITA round to be seeded 12th also won his way through to the quarter final early Monday morning our time. Earlier in the competition he revenged the loss by team mate Tony Waddick to Duncan Busby of Great Britain. Teasdale beat the 5th seeded Brit by 4 points to reach the quarter finals.

In the quarter final match Shaun faced Patrick Coghlan of Australia who was 4th seed of the tournament and lost the match by the narrowest of margins - 1point! Coghlan went on to take the Bronze.