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World Field Championships, Plitvices Lakes, Croatia

Thursday, July 8th 2004

8:00 Departure of the archers-trains from the back of Hotel Jezero to the warming-up field

9:00-9:45 Warming up

9:50 Assembling of the groups

10:00 Marching to the targets

10:30 Start of the 1st Elimination Round

approx 12:00 Lunch break next to the warming up fields

14:00 Start of the 2nd Elimination Round

approx 15:30 Regular trains to be taken for return to Hotel Jezero

Impression of the day:

The day started with a minute silence out of respect for the passing of the Austrian President Dr. Thomas Klestil last Wednesday. An impressive moment, especially for the Austrian team. A strange mix between compassion and competition, since the calling of the groups for the eights finals commenced right after this moment.

A sad day for American archer [Aya la Brie](#), who wanted to compete in the finals, with a serious knee injury. In vain. She had to be carried out of the field after the first few targets.

A protest was filed by the Austrian Team captain in the Ladies Recurve Division. At some point during competition, an archer removed a branch on the way to the target. This branch troubled other archers in previous groups approaching the target. It was even hit by one of the ladies in other rounds. The protest was accepted and this target was taken out of competition.

This was sad for British archer Jacky Wilkinson. Because of the change in score due to this target taken out, she dropped out of the cut for the quarter finals.

Furthermore, a shoot off in Ladies Barebow division between Trish Lovell and Annika Ahlund, won by Trish Lovell, we have got the picture to prove it.

And then there was this shoot off in the Men Compound division. Six archers competed for two places in the finals. Dutch archer Marco Voermans shot an unfortunate four, the rest of the archers scored al fives. In the third and final round, the closest to centre rule was applied and Morgan Lundin and Stephan Dardenne were the only two archers scoring an X from the 60 meter shooting post. This morning our photo material arrived by email in the Netherlands, and most of the pictures we took on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are now online. We try to upload some material from Thursday, Friday and Saturday from the hotel but don't hold your breath. It is a phone line we have here...

So, most of the remaining material will be uploaded from home, next Monday. And then people stress me to tell me that Gerard, the photographer dude, twisted his ankle. He stepped on a branch on the side of the path down to the semi final course. Although we are reporting about the performance of the athletes here, it seems to be news to mention that he (well, I) is up and about and sort of okay.