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U.S. Wins Six Medals at World Target Championships by Mary Beth Vorwerk

NEW YORK, N.Y. - The United States compound team walked away with six medals at the World Target Championships this past weekend after dominating finals competition in Central Park. The 42nd World Target Championships attracted a record 500 archers from 70 countries to New York.

Texas A&M archery teammates Mary Zorn (Warrenville, Ill.) and Amber Dawson (Robesonia, Pa.) went head to head in the female compound finals with Zorn narrowly edging out Dawson 115 to 113 to win the gold. Dawson took home the silver medal.

"This was one of my goals," said Zorn, who set a new world record earlier in the week in the FITA qualifying round by scoring 1399 for her 144 arrows. "I'm still shaking."

Aya La Brie (Aurora, Colo.) took fifth place and Christie Bisco (Villas, N.J.) finished 14th in the Individual Event.

On the men's compound side, Dave Cousins (Standish, Maine) won the silver medal after a three-arrow shootoff against Australia's Clint Freeman. Braden Gellenthien (Hudson, Mass.) defeated Finland's Jari Haavisto for the bronze medal 115-114. Reo and Dee Wilde (Pocatello, Idaho) finished in the 12th and 26th spots respectively.

In team competition, both the U.S men's and women's compound teams captured the gold. The U.S. women's compound team, which consisted of Zorn, Dawson, La Brie and Bisco beat defending champions France 248-239, with Germany winning the bronze. Cousins, Gellenthien, and father and son Dee and Reo Wilde made up the American men's compound team that beat out Italy for the gold, while Canada took home the bronze.