



High scoring proves Athens Olympic venue on target

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Monday, August 11: Hot shooting from the world's best archers made for some happy faces in Athens at the Archery Olympic Test Event today.

After a weekend featuring gusty wind conditions, archers got in a groove at the historic Panathinaiko Stadium during the men's and women's Elimination Round matches.

The star of the day was Jun Mi Jin, South Korea's reigning Olympic and world women's champion. Yun, 20, recorded the equal highest 18-arrow score with a 169. (The maximum score for 18 arrows is 180.)

The 169 was significant because it was a better score than the 163 Yun shot in the corresponding round at last month's World Championships in New York – proof that the Olympic venue can cater for high scoring.

The venue and conditions also received the thumbs up from leading men's archers, including Italy's world champion Michele Frangilli.

"The organisation is faultless and there will be no problems with the 2004 Olympics," Frangilli said after his morning win. Like Yun, he shot 169 to lead the men's scores.

Terry Reilly, the Executive Director of the International Archery Federation (FITA), said archers were always wary of wind conditions but he did not believe the Athens venue presented any special difficulties.

"We had the same comments made about gusty winds at our Sydney Olympic venue before the 2000 Games and look how good that all turned out. I am very happy with the week so far," said Mr Reilly.

Panathinaiko Stadium, the venue for archery this week and during next year's Olympics, was the site of the first modern Olympic Games in 1896.

The event continues until Friday.

Results and schedules can be found at www.archery.org. For more information, contact FITA at (41) 21 614 3050.

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