



Olympics' greatest dynasty aims for perfect 10

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Friday, August 15: Nadia Comaneci, please step aside: now it's the South Korean women's archery team aiming for a perfect 10 at the Olympics.

28 years after Romania's Comaneci stunned the world with her flawless gymnastics routines at the Montreal 1976 Olympics, Korea's women will enter the 2004 Olympics in Athens with the aim of extending their historic streak of gold medals to 10 – and beyond.

The Koreans have won every Olympic women's archery event, both individual and team, since making their debut at the Games in Los Angeles in 1984. That's nine consecutive gold medals – a current record unmatched in any Olympic sport.

And after this week's Olympic Archery Test Event in Athens, few would tip against South Korea winning both women's gold medals at next year's Games.

Korea won both titles here, with reigning Olympic and world champion Yun Mi Jin winning the individual event and then leading her team to success in the team event.

The Koreans were the top scorers in all four rounds of the team event, ultimately beating Poland 245-237 in the 27-arrow final. Great Britain beat Italy 224-217 to win the bronze medal. The Koreans also won the World Championships team title in New York in July.

Not to be outdone, the Korean men, the reigning world and Olympic champions, also completed a clean sweep of gold medals by winning the men's team event today.

With 17-year-old individual gold medallist Im Dong Hyun shooting strongly, Korea proved too good for arch-rivals Italy 254-249 in the 27-arrow final. Ukraine defeated Australia 246-244 for the bronze medal.

Terry Reilly, the Executive Director of the International Archery Federation, said Korea's sweep of the gold medals was a highlight of an excellent week at Panathinaiko Stadium.

“ATHOC (the Athens Olympic Organising Committee) did a great job. Our athletes and supporters now look forward to doing it all again next year.”

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