



# South Koreans on target at the range

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SHENZHEN — South Korean archers dominated the Universiade range by sweeping five of six gold medals in the men's and women's individual recurve at the Shenwanyi Road soccer pitch on Wednesday.

Cho Pei-chin, from Chinese Taipei, grabbed a bronze in the women's event to prevent a South Korean sweep.

However, the team's overall superiority couldn't mask some disappointment within the dominant squad.

"Although I won the silver medal, I'm not really satisfied because it wasn't what I had expected," said world No 1 Kim Woo-jin, who lost to compatriot Im Dong-Hyun in the men's final.

"It was really a tough competition because we usually train together and we know each other very well," said the 19-year-old, who broke the men's 144 points world record at the 2010 Guangzhou Asian Games. "Also, the wind was confusing, so I couldn't perform well."

Gold medalist Im, who is known as South Korea's "blind archer" because of his bad eyesight, also felt sorry for Kim.

"I'm very happy to compete with my teammate in the final, however, I was also under a little pressure, because Kim is my teammate as well as my friend and we are from the same (hometown)," said Im, who was a member of the country's championship team at the 2004 and 2008 Olympic Games.

"I think he's a really good archer. Unfortunately, he was not in good



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Ki Bo-bae edged teammate Jung Da-somi by two points to win the Universiade women's archery individual recurve gold medal.

health for this Universiade, which made it hard for him to adjust to the competition," he said. "I hope he can gain more experience by competing in more archery events and become a better archer."

In the women's event, silver medalist Jung Da-somi also felt frustrated after losing to Ki Bo-bae by two points in the last set.

"It's a pity to win a silver, but I have tried my best," said Jung, who was

competing at her first international meet. "I felt more pressure when I was competing against her because I know she is a really good archer."

"I think I'm as good as my opponent Ki, however, loss and victory, that is what happens in sport. I will work harder to do better in future matches," said the 20-year-old.

Female archers from South Korea have created one of the great Olympic dynasties by win-

ning every gold medal in the team event since the 1984 Games in Los Angeles.

"At first I was very nervous, because the target was swaying in the wind, but my strong desire for victory helped me to calm down," said 23-year-old Ki, who was part of the side that won the team championship at the Guangzhou Asiad. "Even though Jung is my teammate, I just regarded her as my

opponent and did what I had to do.

"I have practised archery for 14 years and I joined the national team last year, there's no special training methods which helped me to succeed, but just to work at it really hard every day," Ki said. "My biggest dream is to win a gold medal at the Olympic Games, and I hope I can pass the domestic selection process to take part in the London Olympics."

## Chinese team wants to add luster to silver lining of 2009

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SHENZHEN — Watch that last step — it's a doozy.

The Chinese taekwondo team, which left the last Universiade with five silver medals, is trying to make the leap to gold this time around.

The team has put in the work.

Coach Kong Fantao said on Wednesday the 15-person squad just wrapped up an intense month of training at the Beijing Sport

University and is ready to begin competing today.

Taekwondo offers the event's fourth largest number of medals. Unlike the Olympics, taekwondo is divided into two sub-competitions at the Universiade:

poomsae (forming) and kyorugi (sparring).

China's strength is kyorugi, which also happens to be the Olympic event.



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"We will try our best and see if we can make some breakthroughs," said Kong, whose squad includes athletes from the national team. "Our team this time is much stronger and professional than last time. Many top-tier athletes have come."

Two-time world championship winner Hou Yuzhuo leads the women's team, which also includes national champion Guo Yunfei and Lei Jie.

Hou Yuzhou, who is also seen as a gold contender, recently qualified

in the 57kg division for the 2012 Olympics.

The men's team is led by Zheng Yi, Yin Zhimeng and Sun Yuheng. Yin won gold at the 2010 Asian Games in the 87kg division, while Zheng was national champion in the 80kg division in 2009.

As athletes were preparing this week, the World Taekwondo Federation handed out new uniforms for the poomsae competition.

Though they won't be used at the Universiade, when the competition begins today at the Shenzhen

Exhibition Center, they made their debut at the World Championships in Russia last month, and they'll be trotted out for bigger competitions.

One of the big changes from the old V-neck uniform is that an open-jacket style is applied to the upper garment.

"We must consider the suggestions and complaints from the athletes, and apply those to the development of poomsae competition uniforms," said Choue Chung-won, president of World Taekwondo Federation.