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Zorn tops fellow Aggie for first world title

Duo captures team world title for United States

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NEW YORK CITY—An Aggie storybook finish was the order of the day in Central Park as Texas A&M junior archer Mary Zorn defeated sophomore teammate Amber Dawson for the world championship title in the women's compound division at the 42nd World Archery Target Championships on Saturday.

Zorn topped Dawson 115-113 in the gold medal match for her first-ever outdoor world championship.

"This was pretty cool," Zorn said. "I don't think it has really sunk in yet. You don't ever think about doing this (winning the world championship, breaking the world record) all in the same week. I have wanted to do this for a long time. This was a higher goal for me, even more so than the indoor title (which she won in France in 2001)."

Zorn held an 86-85 lead entering the last round of three arrows. Zorn improved her lead to two after firing a 10 on her first shot to Dawson's 9. Both Aggies closed the competition by firing a 9 and a 10, respectively, to reach the final count.

"It was nip and tuck the whole way," Texas A&M assistant, and U.S. men's recurve, coach Frank Thomas said. "Either one of our girls could have easily won. Having archery as a varsity sport has allowed us to be

able to bring in and coach top-notch archers like Amber and Mary and represent Texas A&M and the U.S. at the world level. There was a great, noisy crowd out here supporting both of our girls. This was a lot of fun."

Zorn, the No. 1 seed, actually had a tougher road to the finals than did Dawson, the No. 2 seed. Zorn defeated No. 9 seed Anne Laurila of Finland 110-105 in the quarterfinals, but just managed to scrape by France's Sandrine Vandionant, the No. 4 seed, 108-107 in the semifinals. Dawson topped No. 26 seed Maggy Masson of France 111-107 in the quarterfinal round then shot her highest score of the day in a 114-110 decision over third-seeded Irma Luyting of the Netherlands. Zorn saved her best for last against her teammate in the high-scoring 115-113 championship final. Luyting defeated Vandionant 114-112 for the bronze medal.

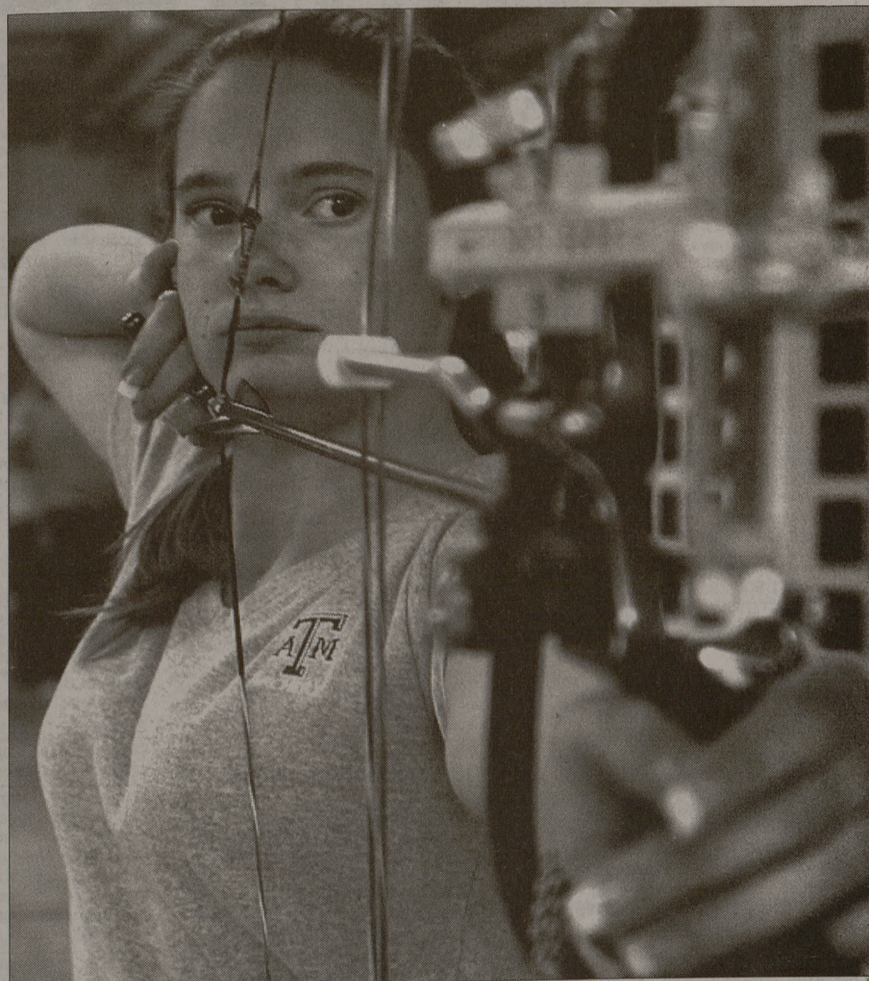
Dawson made the U.S. team in 2001 but was unable to compete at the biannual event due to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States. Dawson was on the tarmac in Dallas en route to China two years ago when the nation's planes were grounded. In a twist of irony, the two Aggies faced off for the world title in the same city hit hardest by those attacks in the first outdoor world championship since that fateful period.

With the win, Zorn has now captured both the indoor and outdoor world championship titles during her three years as a student-athlete at Texas A&M. Zorn will return to A&M for her senior season in September in hopes of winning a sixth and seventh collegiate national title as well as continuing A&M's current streak of four consecutive collegiate team national championships. Dawson will also return to A&M to complete her final two years of eligibility, giving A&M perhaps the most potent collegiate compound team in history.

Dawson and Zorn completed a whirlwind week by leading the United States to the female compound world title at the 42nd World Archery Target Championships in Central Park on Sunday morning.

Dawson and Zorn, who shot against each other a day earlier for the individual world title, teamed with Aya LaBrie to easily capture the team world title for the host U.S.

The trio beat defending world champion France 248-239 in the championship final. The Americans reached the final match by stopping No. 13 seed Norway 257-233 in the semifinals. Their score of 257 points in that round matched the highest team score of the entire compound tournament and fell just two points shy of the current world record.



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Texas A&M junior archer Mary Zorn takes aim during an event last spring. Zorn captured her first world title Saturday in New York

Williams picked for U.S. team Stars trade fan-favorite Sydor

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Texas A&M point guard Toccara Williams has been selected to the Big 12 Conference All-Star team that will represent the United States in the 22nd World University Games women's basketball competition in Daegu, South Korea, Aug. 20-31, the league office announced.

An All-Big 12 second team selection from Hollywood, Fla., Williams is entering her senior season for the Aggies.

Named the league's defensive player of the year as a junior by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Williams finished second in the nation in steals last year with 4.33 per contest. She was also named to several all-defense and underrated teams while starting in 27 games for the Aggies. In addition to leading the team in steals, was the leader in scoring with 12.3 points per game and assists with 14.9.

It marks the first time that USA Basketball has chosen a conference all-star team to represent the nation at this caliber of event.

"It shows the confidence that USA Basketball has in our league to be able to compete at a high level in such a prestigious event like this," A&M coach Gary Blair said. "We are sending the 12 best players in the league not already on a USA Basketball team so it's not really an all-star team."

Twelve student-athletes from nine schools will represent the Big 12 at the World University Games. Three schools elected not to send a representative due to conflicts with other USA Basketball competitions, foreign tours and class schedules. Iowa State head coach Bill Fennelly will serve as head coach of the squad. He will be assisted by Cindy Stein, head coach at Missouri and Latoya Harris, assistant



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Senior point guard Toccara Williams sets up for a free throw attempt last season.

coach at Iowa State.

Blair said that competing and training on the team will not only benefit Williams, but could ultimately benefit the A&M team.

"It will give Toccara a chance every day to play with kids that know how to practice and who have high expectations," Blair said. "She can bring that knowledge and experience back to us. It's a win, win situation for us."

"With Bill Fennelly coaching the team, it will be a good experience for her on and off the court. She is going to have to produce there to play, and that will be good for her."

The All-Star squad includes eight members of the 2003 All-Big 12 Women's Basketball Team.

DALLAS (AP) — For 15 years, Teppo Numminen has been the one constant for the Phoenix-Winnipeg organization. Now he's a member of the Dallas Stars.

Numminen, a defenseman who'd played the most games in the history of the Jets-Coyotes franchise, relaxed his no-trade clause and allowed a deal to Dallas on Tuesday.

It came as part of a three-way deal that also sent defenseman Darryl Sydor from the Stars to the Columbus Blue Jackets, Mike Sillinger from Columbus to Phoenix and brought Dallas a second-round pick in next year's entry draft from the Blue Jackets.

While Numminen said he leaves behind good memories, he also "just felt that it's time for a change."

"The last year ... kind of wore me out," he said during a conference call. "I just felt that I needed a new start, something different."

Numminen signed a \$4.5 million, one-year deal on June 30, but also told the club where he'd be willing to be traded. The Stars were happy to be on that list, but felt that giving up Sydor in a one-for-one trade was too much.

The second-round pick was the deal maker. Another factor was salary relief — Sydor had four years left on a \$15.8 million, five-year deal signed before last season.

"The length of the contract, the ability to acquire potentially a very good prospect with a second-round pick and acquiring a player of equal caliber back in return made it seem like it was a good mix for us," Dallas general manager Doug Armstrong said. "You have to include everything. Contracts are part of it, as are length of a contract. Everything goes into it."

Numminen leaves as the franchise's leader in games played (1,098), and ranks first among defensemen in team history in goals (108), assists (426) and points (534). Among all players in franchise history, he's third in career assists and fourth in point.

He was named the 14th captain in club history on Sept. 15,

2001, serving in that role for each of the past two seasons; He's had at least 30 points the last six seasons.

While Numminen has worn various jerseys for his organization, he expects a strange feeling when he takes the ice for the first time as a Star.

"I think it's good that it happens during the summer," he said. "That's going to help me getting used to a new situation, a new team and all the stuff that comes with it."

Numminen is the second player Dallas has acquired in the last week who is breaking a long tie to one organization. The Stars signed Don Sweeney from Boston after spending his entire 15-year career as a Bruin.

Those additions were needed because the Stars lost Derian Hatcher, their own captain and defensive anchor, when he signed with Detroit earlier this month.

Sydor was a fan favorite, too. A Star for 7 1/2 seasons, he may be best remembered for crawling across the ice during a Stanley Cup finals game despite a serious knee injury.

Sydor had 62 goals and 238 assists in 575 games with Dallas.



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