

# DUISBURG - BOUND

In this column THE WORLD GAMES FORUM reports on a number of recent championships which had been declared qualifying events for The World Games 2005 by the International Federations (IF) governing the sports, or which are bound to have an impact on the world ranking lists from where athletes or teams will be selected to enter 2005 Duisburg.

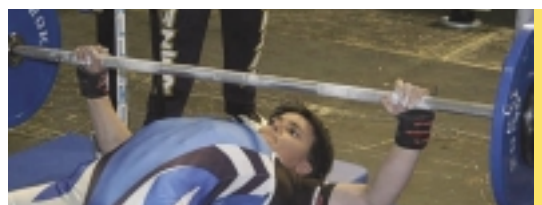
Since the IF concerned did not yet officially notify the IWGA Headquarters of the names/nations for its contingent(s) of athletes/teams, the information provided here does not have official character. Efforts have been made, however, to ensure its accuracy.

## Powerlifting – June 6, 2004

The 2004 Women's World Powerlifting Championships which were held under the auspices of the International Powerlifting Federation (IPF) in Cahors, FRA, saw the records tumble in all the weight classes and in all three events (squat, bench press, dead lift).

Overall, 33 new world records were established, 16 in the open (90+) class, and many of these records were broken several times. 100 athletes from 25 nations made the 2004 edition the most successful ever.

Although Russia was dominant in the 25th edition of the annual IPF event, fielding 8 out of 10 champions, the final standings by nation reflect a solid global spread for women's powerlifting.



1	RUS
2	UKR
3	USA
4	FRA
5	FIN
6	TPE
7	JPN
8	GBR
9	KAZ
10	NED
11	IND
12	UZB
13	GER
14	ECU
15	ITA



## Rugby – June 6, 2004



Despite losing the final of the International Rugby Board (IRB) Seven Series' last tournament to host England, New Zealand retained the overall crown for the fifth consecutive time. Since the launch of the series in 1999 the All Blacks managed to impose their rule over the short code's traveling road show in every edition. 2003/4 was no different! But the other contenders appeared to be considerably closer this time around. Prior to the last of the eight tournaments played between December 2003 and June 2004, England was still in a position to deny New Zealand a fifth overall title by winning at home – at London's famous Twickenham Stadium – and counting on Australia, Scotland and Argentina to keep the All Blacks out of the cup final.

1	NZE
2	England
3	ARG
4	FIJ
5	RSA
6	SAM
7	FRA
8	AUS
9	CAN
10	Scotland
11	TON
12	KOR
13	COK



## Roller Sports July 1, 2004



National inline hockey teams from around the world gathered in London, Ontario, CAN, to participate in the tenth annual FIRS World Inline Roller Hockey Championships. The 15 teams in the men's division represented Asia, North and South America, Europe and Oceania. The field was divided into two groups for round-robin play, with four teams from each group advancing into the single elimination medal round, and with the other teams continuing play for positions. The group seeding was based on the teams' finish at the 2003 World Championship in Pisek, CZE. The final standings of the 2004 World Inline Roller Hockey Championships under the auspices of the International Roller Sports Federation FIRS:

1	USA
2	CAN
3	ITA
4	CZE
5	SUI
6	SWE
7	FRA
8	ESP
9	AUS
10	MEX
11	KOR
12	COL
13	JPN
14	GBR
15	SIN



## Archery – July 10, 2004

The 19th FITA World Field Archery Championships were held in the Plitvice National Park in Croatia. 26 nations entered more than 230 athletes in the three classes: barebow, recurve and compound – all shot in the men's and women's division. Six days of fierce competition in one of Croatia's most scenic areas produced some outstanding results.

On the basis of the 2004 World Championships' final standings, FITA, the International Archery Federation, has now started the process of awarding the 96 quota places for The World Games 2005 to the best archers. Wild cards for the German athletes will hardly be needed: good representation of archers from the World Games host country is guaranteed already! They were again among the top nations.



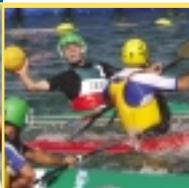
COMPOUND – MEN		COMPOUND – WOMEN	
1	Christopher White	1	Francoise Volle
2	John Dudley	2	Petra Friedl
3	Morgan Lundin	3	Martina Schacht
RECURVE – MEN		ECURVE – WOMEN	
1	Sebastian Rohrberg	1	Jessica Tomasi
2	Joseph McGlyn	2	Elisabetta Buono
3	Jean Michel Piquet	3	Manuela Kaltenmark
ARE – MEN		ARE – WOMEN	
1	Erik Jonsson	1	Monika Jentges
2	Mario Orlandi	2	Reingild Linhart
3	Mathias Larsson	3	Marian Howells



1	TPE
2	KOR
3	CHN
4	SIN
5	MAS
6	JPN
7	AUS
8	UAE
9	INA
10	HKG
11	PHI

## Bowling – July 13, 2004

The 2004 Asian 10- Pin Bowling Championships – one of the many qualifying events for The World Games 2005 declared by the International Bowling Federation FIQ – were held in Bangkok, THA. 129 men and 76 women from 23 nations competed over a period of ten days at P.S. Bowl, a superb 40-lane venue. Chinese Taipei managed to make the eighteenth edition of the continental championships their own, winning eight of the twelve gold medals, and adding two silver and three bronze for good measure. An all-time record! Korea won three gold medals and Singapore one.



### MEN

1	NED
2	GER
3	GBR
4	FRA
5	ITA
6	AUS

### WOMEN

1	GBR
2	GER
3	FRA
4	JPN
5	AUS
6	NZL

## Canoe – July 25, 2004

In what has been the best run ICF World Canoe Polo Championships to date, and with some of the finest games of polo seen internationally, the Netherlands emerged victorious over Germany in a great men's final in Miyoshi, JPN. In the women's competition, Great Britain beat Germany in a closely fought match to take the title.

Unlike previous championships, which were all held at Olympic size swimming pools, the 2004 edition of the championships was staged on Botagaike Lake, a water reservoir serving agricultural purposes. The clean lake easily accommodated the four polo courts required for tournament play in the men's and women's divisions. At total of 32 teams (M: 18; W: 14) representing 18 nations had entered the 2004 World Canoe Polo Championships, the first ever held in Asia.



## Flying Disc – August 7, 2004

With two thrilling finals in the women's and the open division on Saturday, August 7, the 2004 WFDF World Ultimate Championships concluded in front of record crowds at the Veritas Stadium in Turku, FIN.

More than 4,000 people came to watch Canada win two gold medals, defeating host team Finland in the women's and perennial rival USA in the open division. 1,500 athletes from 23 nations competed in the quadrennial championships. Ultimate's two powerhouses, the United States and Canada, dominated the tournament, splitting the titles evenly between them in the six divisions (open, women's, mixed, junior open, junior women's and master). Based on the world championships' overall standings by nations, the six qualifiers for the mixed tournament of The World Games 2005 Duisburg were announced after the conclusion of the open final by Thomas Griesbaum, the Technical Delegate of the World Flying Disc Federation:

1	CAN
2	USA
3	AUS
4	JPN
5	FIN
6	GER

