



SUCCESS FOR GB AS ARCHERS SECURE EIGHT MEDALS

- Two gold, three silver and three bronze for GB at the European Para-Archery Championships 2022 in Rome
- Phoebe Paterson Pine takes individual gold and team silver
- Jessica Stretton secures three medals across individual and team events



(Image credits: World Archery Europe)

08 August 2022: Great Britain's archers have once again showcased their exceptional talent, winning eight medals at the European Para-Archery Championships in Rome, Italy.

Between them, the athletes secured two gold, three silver and three bronze across the individual and team events, which took place between 30th July and 7th August.

Jessica Stretton, who won gold at the Rio Paralympic Games aged just 16, had a particularly impressive weekend, winning three medals, including individual bronze in the Compound Women Open competitions.

Stretton and her teammate Nathan Macqueen secured GB's first gold of the competition in the Compound Open Mixed Team events.

The Compound Women Open Doubles saw Stretton take to the field with Phoebe Paterson Pine to secure a fantastic silver medal. In qualifications, Stretton and Paterson Pine beat the doubles world record, which they had previously set in Nove Mesto last month during the Para Archery European Cup.

On her win and recent successes, Stretton said: “It feels amazing and surreal to have medaled at both the able-bodied European Championships, and the Para European Championships! The competition was fierce on both fields and I am super proud to have been able to come away with a medal at both events!”

Paterson Pine, who won Gold at the 2020 Tokyo Games and recently took the top spot in world rankings, also won individual gold in the Compound Women Open events.

On winning gold, Paterson Pine commented: “Starting the week getting the title was something I wanted, but I knew that I didn’t need to put pressure on myself.” I just wanted to perform to the best of my ability to get scores; getting the title is an amazing added bonus!”

“My goal was to reach top four, so to come first means I’ve smashed that which is great. Next for me is hopefully the European Para Finals in Nottingham, but more importantly I want to prepare for the World Para Championships in Pilsen, Czech Republic next year the best I can.”

Continuing GB’s success in the team events, Victoria Kingstone and Martin Saych won silver in the W1 Mixed Team competition, while David Phillips and Cameron Radigan secured another silver in the Recurve Men Open Doubles.

Competing together in the Compound Men Open Doubles, Jamie Harris and Nathan Macqueen won bronze.

Completing the successful weekend for GB, Philip Tranter won Bronze in the Visually Impaired 2 / 3 events.

A Successful 2022 for GB’s Para Archers

This latest medal haul for GB’s archers follows the fantastic seven medals won by the team in July at the first leg of the Para Archery European Cup in Nove Mesto, Czech Republic.

In Nove Mesto, the athletes secured two gold, two silver and three bronze medals across the individual and team events.

In September (13-15), the athletes will be competing internationally on home soil, as the Para Archery European Cup Finals take the spotlight at Wollaton Hall, Nottingham.

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Notes to Editors

Images left to right (Credit: World Archery Europe): Phoebe Paterson Pine and Jessica Stretton take silver, Cameron Radigan and David Philips win Silver

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Jess Stretton (Compound Women Open): Stretton won gold at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games in the Women's Individual Compound W1 at just 16-years-old - the youngest archer at the Games. The following year she was made an MBE for her services to archery. Since Rio, Stretton has changed category – she now competes in the Compound Open and claimed individual silver in the 2019 World Para Championships in the Netherlands, setting a new world record in the process. She also won bronze at the World Youth Championships the same year. Jessica won bronze with teammate Jamie Harris in the mixed team at the 2022 World Para Championships. Stretton is from Hemel Hempstead and is an avid reader.

Phoebe Paterson Pine (Compound Women Open): Phoebe is a junior indoor and outdoor national champion and gold medal Paralympian. She won gold at her Games debut in Tokyo winning the Compound Women Open. She has spina bifida. She first tried archery on a family holiday, enjoying it so much she joined her local club. Phoebe is a student at Worcester University, studying sports coaching science. She holds eight national records, four European records and three world records. Phoebe moved to Telford in 2019 from her family home in Cirencester, in the Cotswolds. Phoebe won bronze individually at the World Archery Para Championships in Dubai 2022. Phoebe is currently ranked World Number One within the Compound Women Open category.

Martin Saych (W1M): Martin has been shooting for around four years. He is from Ipswich and works in Insurance as a Data Analyst. He was left paralysed as a teenager when he broke his neck in a trampolining accident. Prior to his injury he had competed in trampolining at an international level. In archery, he has won various medals internationally in Mixed team event and represented GB in the World Championships in Den Bosch in 2019. He has also played wheelchair rugby in the past.

Jamie Harris (Compound Men Open): Jamie is from Stratford Upon Avon. From birth his lower right arm was missing multiple bone's resulting in its length being reduced and only having two fingers on his hand. He uses this arm to draw the bow after first getting into archery in 2012 at an event called Limb Power, at Stoke Mandeville. After discovering his love for the sport, he joined a local club. It quickly became apparent shooting off his fingers would not be viable due to his disability. To continue shooting, Jamie switched to compound shooting this allowed him to develop a custom trigger release that attaches around his arm. The development of his triggers is ever ongoing as it's integral to shooting. Jamie made great improvements to both his shooting abilities and equipment reliability. This has enabled him to medal at every National disability championship since it started in 2017 and he has won it twice (2018-2021). Jamie won bronze with teammate Jessica Stretton in the mixed team at the 2022 World Para Championships.

Victoria Kingstone (W1W): Victoria grew up in Rainham, Kent but now lives in Camberley, Surrey. She has spina bifida. She is studying for a Masters degree in Sport and Exercise Psychology. Victoria was previously a Supporter Engagement Executive at Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for Disabled People. She is also a Global Athlete Mentor for The True Athlete Project. Victoria was part of the team that competed at the World Para Championships in 2019 in Den Bosch.

David Phillips (Recurve Men Open): Dave finished eighth individually and in the mixed team at Tokyo 2020, representing GBR in two quarter finals. Dave is from Cwmbran, Wales. He has MS and is very active in the MS Society and is an ambassador for MS Cymru. Dave is also a Dual Ambassador for Ottobox and supporting athletes with disabilities. He returned to archery after a 30-year break when he was looking for a way to stay active with MS. He was selected for the GB squad in 2014 and made his international debut at the Para World Ranking Tournament in Nove Mesto, Czech Republic where he secured a gold medal as part of the men's team and a mixed team bronze. In the same year, Dave was selected to represent Great Britain at the European Para Championship in Notwill, Switzerland where he won team gold and mixed team bronze, as well as finishing fifth in the individual competition. Dave finished in second with teammate Cameron Radigan in the double team event at the World Archery Para Championships. His Paralympic debut was in Rio where he finished fifth in the mixed team.

Cameron Radigan (Recurve Men Open): Cameron is the newest member of the squad. He is 19-years-old and from Galston in East Ayrshire, Scotland. At the age of 2 he was diagnosed with a cancerous tumour in his left calf muscle. After being given a 10% survival rate and maximum of 5 years in remission, Cameron defeated the odds. In 2018, the lower left leg was amputated due to the treatment taking a toll and to have freedom from being restricted to a wheelchair. 11 days after, Cameron competed for Scotland at the Junior Outdoor Championships. Since then, Cameron has competed on the national circuit, competing for Scotland at national tournaments. He has won the Disability Championships title back-to-back (2019 and 2021). Cameron made his debut on the international circuit at the World Championships in Dubai. Radigan finished in second with teammate David Phillips in the double team event at the World Archery Para Championships.

Nathan Macqueen (Compound Men Open): Macqueen is an all-round sportsman who played rugby for Glasgow Warriors at Under 18 level before he was involved in a serious motorbike accident when he was 17-years-old. Before his accident MacQueen was part of Scotland's archery team. After he was injured, he took up Powerlifting and Wheelchair basketball but following a shoulder injury he switched back to archery, making his international debut just months before Rio 2016, where he finished a highly respectable ninth. The 29-year-old, who comes from Dumfries in Scotland, has also won multiple medals at European and World level.

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