

Chien-Ying Lei Scores 10 Points, I-Ching Chiu Claims Double Gold Medals

Division I recurve bow of archery at the National Intercollegiate Athletic Games finished all the competitions on May 6th. I-Ching Chiu from National Tsing Hua University (NTHU) beat Chien-Ying Lei from National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU), claiming both medals for women's individual and women's team.

"It's a pity that I didn't win three gold medals." Chiu said, still feeling pity for not winning for mixed team the day before.

Chiu teamed up with Tzu-Ying Kuo and Hsin-Yu Su, and defeated Lei, Hung-I Hsin and Yu-Chuan Huang at the final 6:2, winning her first gold medal at the National Intercollegiate Athletic Games.

An hour later, Chiu competed against Lei once again at women's individual. She first lost two sets, and then came back with three winning sets in a row, claiming another gold.

At the women's team final, NTHU and NTNU tied after four sets. Chiu scored 10, 9 and 10 in the 5th set, beating Lei's 9, 10 and 9 with a small margin.

"When the arrow left my hand," Chiu said. "I knew it was a 10 because I really felt great, and the direction of the arrow also went directly to 10, so I was pretty confident."

Lei not only is Chiu's senior on the national team, they both compete at the Chinese Enterprise Archery League. They just competed against each other the week before, and Chiu lost after extra sets.

"I've faced Lei for many times." Chiu said. "The odds of her winning are higher than that of mine because she has more experiences. It was a relief for me as if I finally scored 10."

Chia-Mao Peng from Chung Yuan Christian University won bronze medal at women's individual. Although the competition was held at National Taiwan Sport University, she still felt that she's playing at home, and was very happy to participate in the competition and gained experiences through the process.

"There were many national athletes at the National Intercollegiate Athletic Games."

Peng said. “Therefore, the tension and nervousness were there. Athletes at home have been performing better and better, and it’s something good for every one of us because that means we get proper trainings at home as well.”

National Taipei University, led by the Olympic silver medal winner Chih-Chun Tang, won the gold medal for men’s team, defeating National Taiwan Sport University, which had the home court advantage, 6:2.

National Taiwan Sport University only kept one gold medal with mixed team with Tzu-Hsiang Lin and Meng-Chun Shih.