



Dhayas decides archery final



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Choendhap Jamyang Aloft: His two dhayas in the last round clinched the title for his team

of the strongest team in the tournament where 12 teams participated.

Individual archers from JPS took home a 180-l refrigerator each and the runners up one 21-inch colour television screens each.

In the individual category, Tshering Penjor of DGPC bagged the best archer prize of Nu 60,000 and a TV screen, while Pema Tshewang also got a screen for the man of the match award.

Choki Nima of JPS hit the highest dobjey, one. Kinzang Dorji of Bhutan Visit got a semi automatic washing

JDW National Memorial Archery Tournament 4 May, 2010 - As he drew the bow, Jamyang Dorji closed his left eye. The jeering got louder, but his concentration was not distracted by the rachus flying in front of him. The arrow was released and landed near the target.

Jamyang's team, JPS enterprises was in need of two points to finish of the deciding game in the finals of the Jigme Dorji Wangchuck national memorial archery tournament (with traditional equipment). His first arrow cut the deficit to one. His opponent missed the target.

Jamyang's well-wishers, knowing that a dhaya would put the game to bed, cheered as he readied to release his second arrow.

His fingers, protected by leather dzu shoob, steadied as he aimed and again closed his left eye. As the arrow left the bow, Jamyang ran after it. It landed near his first arrow securing another dhaya.

The two dhayas decided the game in JPS's favour, as numerous archers of the rival Bhutan Visit shooting after him failed to cancel his two dhayas. JPS won the first set on May 2 and led the second set 10-7 before the day ended.

Spectators, who thought Bhutan Visit would win the tournament, expressed surprise as JPS continued from where they left on the first day. Bhutan Visit defeated DGPS in the semis and were spectator favourite, as DGPS was one

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machine for the highest dhaya (11). With 7 kareys, Kado of BPC bagged the highest one-day karey.

Meanwhile, with 12 teams, the tournament saw the lowest number of teams this year. Archers and officials of the Bhutan archery federation (BAF) told Kuensel that the poor participation was because of the SAARC summit and the circular issued by RCSC restricting civil servants from participating.

"Civil servants were the major participants when it comes to archery," said BAF assistant general secretary Jurmin Wangdi, "With media around, they're even scared to come to the archery range," he said.

The Indian ambassador to Bhutan, Pavan Verma, awarded the prizes. The Coronation Silver Jubilee tournament on imported equipment will start on May 5. About 35 teams have registered as of now.

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