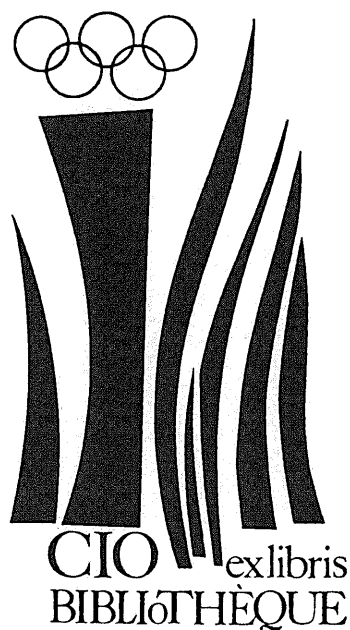


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Archery

The archery events of the 1904 Olympics were contested at the World's Fairgrounds on 19–21 September 1904. These events were actually the United States National Championship, whose formal name was the 26th Grand Annual Target Meeting of the National Archery Association (NAA) of the USA. Fortunately, due to the efforts of Mr. Robert Rhode, historian of the National Archery Association, there are available to us absolutely complete results of the archery events of the 1904 Olympics in four different forms. One is a printout from the National Archery Association. A second is the actual handwritten scores from the Secretary of the National Archery Association in that year, Lewis Maxson. The third is the results which were published in the British archery magazine, *The Archer's Register*, while the fourth is the results as published in *Spalding's Official Athletic Almanac*.

However, I consider the archery events of 1904 to be of marginal Olympic caliber. These were essentially United States National Championships. No professionals competed, and unfortunately, no foreign archers competed either. There were some foreign entrants from the Philippine islands and Lanao Moro tribe. However, the Filipino archers did not show or compete.

The rules of the archery events were listed in the program as stating that "Medals of the NAA open only to competitions of members. Competitions for medals offered by universal exposition open to all archers." Thus it would appear that the events were open to all archers. Still, with no foreign athletes competing, it is really difficult to call these events much more than the United States National Championships.

There are also some problems with several of the events that were contested. Men competed in the Double York round and Double American round. The women competed in the Double National round and Double Columbia round. There was also a gentlemen's team round which was contested. A ladies' team round was scheduled but not held as only one team appeared, that from Cincinnati. Several Olympic reference books often list that a women's team round did occur and that medals were given out, but this is not listed in any of the final results from 1904.

The Archer's Register also listed medals given for the "Olympic range medals" for each of the individual events and also for flight shooting for men and women. The Olympic range medals basically were for the highest score at each separate distance of the various individual rounds. Although a medal was given out for these, they are certainly of marginal Olympic significance and, in effect, similar to giving out medals in the modern pentathlon for the best

score in each of the events. Flight shooting is more difficult to dismiss. The men's flight shooting was won by Lewis Maxson with a distance of 259 yards, while the women's flight shooting was won by Mabel Taylor with a distance of 219 yards. No other results are given. Possibly these two events carried as much importance as the individual rounds that were contested, but it is also possible that they were considered only a championship of the NAA, which is more likely. Given that, I have omitted them as Olympic events.

The archery events were dominated by G. Phillip Bryant of Boston who won both of the men's individual rounds and helped his Boston team to a bronze medal in the team round. The men's team round saw Reverend Galen Carter Spencer win a gold medal with the Potomac Archers of Washington. Spencer turned 64 years of age on the day prior to winning his gold medal, which makes him the oldest American Olympic gold medalist ever. Finishing second in that event was a team of Cincinnati archers who included even an older marksman, Samuel Duvall, who was 68 years of age at the 1904 Olympics and is the oldest American Olympic medalist.

The archery events for women were dominated by Lida Scott Howell who was 17 times American ladies' archery champion, had no peer at all in that era, and is considered one of the greatest women archers of all time in the United States.

Placings in the individual events were determined as follows: one point was awarded for the high score at each distance, one point for the high number of hits at each distance, two points were for the high total score, and two points for the high total number of hits; making ten points possible in all. Ties were broken by total score. Any remaining ties were broken by total number of hits.

<i>Site:</i>	Francis Field
<i>Dates/Times:</i>	19-21 September
<i>Events:</i>	5 [3 Men — 2 Women]
<i>Competitors:</i>	29 ^{1*} [23 Men — 6 Women]
<i>Nations:</i>	1 [1 Men — 1 Women]

Totals	<i>Competitors</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Totals</i>
United States	29	5	5	5	15
<i>Totals</i>	29	5	5	5	15
<i>Nations</i>	1	1	1	1	1
Men	<i>Competitors</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Totals</i>
United States	23	3	3	3	9
<i>Totals</i>	23	3	3	3	9
<i>Nations</i>	1	1	1	1	1
Women	<i>Competitors</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Totals</i>
United States	6	2	2	2	6
<i>Totals</i>	6	2	2	2	6
<i>Nations</i>	1	1	1	1	1

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*See Notes on pages 47-48.

Men**Double York Round**

A: 16; C: 1; D: 20 September; F: The Double York round consisted of two Single York rounds, one shot in the morning, one in the afternoon. A Single York round consisted of 72 arrows at 100 yards (91.44 meters), 48 arrows at 80 yards (73.15 meters), and 24 arrows at 60 yards (54.86 meters).

			100y ⁴	80y	60y	Pts.	Hits	Score
1.	George Bryant	USA	79/281	67/293	46/246	7	192	820
2.	Robert Williams	USA	78/274	73/345	40/200	2	191	819
3.	William Thompson	USA	70/264	72/314	48/238	1	190	816
4.	Wallace Bryant	USA	55/235	54/224	35/159	-	144	618
5.	Benjamin Keys	USA	45/151	50/210	37/171	-	132	532
6.	Edward Frentz	USA	46/144	47/187	37/197	-	130	528
7.	Homer Taylor	USA	39/127	50/198	41/181	-	130	506
8.	C. S. Woodruff	USA	33/95	47/201	43/191	-	123	487
9.	Henry Richardson	USA	26/88	47/205	36/146	-	119	439
10. ⁵	Cyrus Dallin ⁶	USA	38/142	44/150	37/113	-	119	405
11.	D. F. McGowan	USA	33/111	40/172	22/100	-	99	383
12.	Lewis Maxson ⁷	USA	33/133	35/115	34/134	-	102	382
13.	Thomas Scott	USA	33/101	37/137	29/137	-	99	375
14.	Ralph Taylor	USA	16/56	45/145	33/127	-	94	328
15.	Edward Weston	USA	22/66	23/81	31/121	-	76	268
16.	Edward Bruce	USA	11/45	33/127	18/66	-	62	238

Double American Round

A: 22; C: 1; D: 19 September; F: The Double American round consisted of two Single American rounds, one shot in the morning, one in the afternoon. A Single American round consisted of 30 arrows at 60 yards (54.86 meters), 30 arrows at 50 yards (45.72 meters), and 30 arrows at 40 yards (36.58 meters).

			60y	50y	40y	Pts.	Hits	Score
1.	George Bryant ⁸	USA	56/270	60/366	60/412	8.2	176	1,048
2.	Robert Williams	USA	52/276	59/311	60/404	1.2	171	991
3.	William Thompson	USA	51/261	56/290	60/398	0.2	167	949
4.	C. S. Woodruff	USA	50/218	56/285	60/404	0.2	167	907
5.	Wallace Bryant ⁹	USA	46/212	54/272	60/334	0.2	160	818
6.	William Clark	USA	50/242	55/273	59/265	-	164	880
7.	Benjamin Keys	USA	49/233	51/263	58/344	-	158	840
8.	Cyrus Dallin	USA	43/203	55/289	58/324	-	156	816
9.	Henry Richardson	USA	46/246	59/285	58/282	-	163	813
10.	Homer Taylor	USA	49/185	52/264	58/362	-	159	811
11.	Charles Hubbard	USA	46/186	48/242	57/351	-	151	779
12.	Lewis Maxson	USA	42/188	56/272	59/317	-	157	777
13.	Galen Spencer	USA	47/221	53/241	53/239	-	153	701

14.	Samuel Duvall	USA	40/158	43/219	58/322	-	141	699
15.	Edward Frentz	USA	31/117	50/240	54/308	-	135	665
16.	Amos Casselman	USA	36/132	45/227	55/269	-	136	628
17.	Thomas Scott	USA	36/126	44/192	50/244	-	135	562
18.	Ralph Taylor	USA	33/129	43/207	45/197	-	121	533
19.	Edward Bruce	USA	22/100	35/159	55/257	-	112	516
20.	E. H. Weston	USA	30/146	36/144	46/218	-	112	508
21.	Edward Weston	USA	26/108	34/132	46/210	-	106	450
22.	W. G. Valentine	USA	9/27	27/117	47/201	-	83	345

Team Round

A: 16; C: 1; D: 21 September; F: The team round consisted of four men per team each shooting 96 arrows from 60 yards (54.86 meters).

			<i>Hits</i>	<i>Score</i>
1.	Potomac Archers	USA	300	1,344
	William Thompson	83/413		
	Robert Williams	82/386		
	Lewis Maxson	71/283		
	Galen Spencer ¹⁰	64/262		
2.	Cincinnati Archers	USA	303	1,341
	C. S. Woodruff	85/429		
	William Clark	79/317		
	Charles Hubbard	71/315		
	Samuel Duvall	68/280		
3.	Boston Archers	USA	282	1,268
	George Bryant	85/443		
	Wallace Bryant	68/296		
	Cyrus Dallin	65/267		
	Henry Richardson ¹¹	64/262		
4.	Chicago Archers	USA	224	942
	Benjamin Keys	71/345		
	Homer Taylor	71/321		
	Edward Weston	45/139		
	Edward Bruce	37/137		

Women

Double National Round

A: 6; C: 1; D: 20 September; F: The Double National round consisted of two Single National rounds, one shot in the morning, one in the afternoon. A Single National round consisted of 48 arrows at 60 yards (54.86 meters), and 24 arrows at 50 yards (45.72 meters).

Archery

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699 665 628 562 533 516 508 450 345	1. Lida Howell USA 87/417 43/203 7½ 130 620 2. Emma Cooke ¹² USA 60/230 43/189 ½ 103 419 3. Jessie Pollock USA 68/272 35/147 - 103 419 4. Laura Woodruff USA 29/101 37/133 - 66 234 5. Mabel Taylor USA 24/94 22/66 - 46 160 6. Louise Taylor USA 21/85 18/74 - 39 159
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Double Columbia Round

A: 6; C: 1; D: 19 September; F: The Double Columbia round consisted of two Single Columbia rounds, one shot in the morning, one in the afternoon. A Single Columbia round consisted of 24 arrows at 50 yards (45.72 meters), 24 arrows at 40 yards (36.58 meters), and 24 arrows at 30 yards (27.43 meters).

			<i>50y</i>	<i>40y</i>	<i>30y</i>	<i>Pts.</i>	<i>Hits</i>	<i>Score</i>	
	1.	Lida Howell	USA	45/245	48/274	48/348	9½	141	867
	2.	Emma Cooke	USA	34/150	44/202	48/278	½	126	630
	3.	Jessie Pollock	USA	37/141	44/204	47/285	-	124	630
	4.	Laura Woodruff	USA	27/101	39/165	47/281	-	113	547
	5.	Mabel Taylor ¹³	USA	14/50	15/57	30/136	-	59	243
	6.	Louise Taylor	USA	5/19	17/73	31/137	-	53	229

NON-OLYMPIC EVENTS

Flight Shooting, Men

A: ?; C: 1; D: Unknown.

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| 1. | Lewis W. Maxson | USA | 259 yards |
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Flight Shooting, Women

A: ?; C: 1; D: Unknown.

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| 1. | Mabel Taylor | USA | 219 yards |
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NOTES

1. EK and VK did not list the number of competitors by event but listed 31 competitors overall in archery. This is incorrect as the evidence for the results here is very strong.

2. The very complete archery results came from the files of Robert Rhode, historian of the National Archery Association. Rhode provided the original results of the events in the handwriting of the Secretary of the National Archery Association of 1904, Lewis W. Maxson.

3. EK and FM both list a ladies' team event. This event was scheduled but, according to Rhode, never took place because only one ladies' team was present, the Cincinnati Archers. Both EK and FM list the Potomac Archers as finishing second, but their only female representative was Emma

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Cooke. Kamper and other authors writing on the women's movement in the Olympics state that eight women competed at St. Louis. This must be an assumption that there were two archery teams of four women each. There were, in fact, only six women — those listed herein.

4. Scores at each distance show the number of the hits and the archer's score at that distance.

5. Places 10–13 are listed differently than in Maxson's original results. He made several clerical errors which I have corrected here. These were the only places in the 1904 archery events for which he had any errors.

6. EK and FM list this athlete as Claude Allen. Rhode confirmed his name as Cyrus Edwin Dallin, a famous sculptor.

7. EK lists this athlete as Louis Maxon, but in his own handwriting he spelled it Lewis Maxson.

8. FM is not even close here, listing the medalists as: (1) H[omer] Taylor, (2) C. R. Hubbard, (3) L[ewis] W. Max[s]on. I have no idea where this came from as they finished, respectively, 10–11–12.

9. Most sources list Clark 5th and Keys 6th (DW, EK, VK), but this is based only on score and not on the point system used for placements, as described above.

10. The Reverend Galen Carter Spencer was 64 years, 1 day old on the day of the team round. This would make him the oldest American to win a gold medal at the Olympics.

11. Often seen as Harry Richardson. The spelling of Henry Barber Richardson was confirmed via his *New York Times* obituary and listings in *American Medical Association Directories*. Richardson was only 15 years old when he competed in the archery events at the 1904 Olympics.

12. Several sources list the runners-up in these two events as two different women — Emma C. Cooke, and Emma C. Coolen. They were the same person, Emma C. Cooke.

13. EK has Mabel and Louise Taylor reversed although, oddly, he lists their scores correctly.

14. EK, FM, and VK list the women's team round, which was not contested. See above in the introduction.