



## News Release

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### **Colchester Junior Shoots for England at Home Nations Junior National Indoor Championship**

Ed Kears, from Colchester and District Archery Club was one of the six-team members who represented England at the Weekend. Shooting at the National Sports Centre Lilleshall, Ed and his team shot a World Record Status Portsmouth Round, 60 arrows at 20 yards, in ends of 3 arrows with a time limit of two minutes, highest possible score 600.

The teams were made up of six members, of which one Girl and one Boy shot Compound and the remaining members shot Recurve bows. All the scores were added together for a combined total. *(See photo Team)*

The shooting started at 9.15 prompt, under the watchful eye of six international judges and the working party from the Grand National Archery Society.

The team managers keeping an eye on their team members and offering support and advice (chocolate and drinks mainly). All the teams were very upbeat and supportive of one another, but you could feel the divides between the teams as they sat on adjoining benches. Every archer would come back from the shooting line, to report to their manager on how well or not, they had shot, with either a happy smiling face or sad face, but throughout the archers supported each other and tried to work out the scoring positions.

The England team were very supportive of one another, when a member had an equipment failure, another team member would stand on the shooting line with them, to encourage them and so that they did not have to stand on their own with every one watching them! *(See photo attached Team spirit)*.

Six teams entered this competition, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, England, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands. In the end the Welsh team came out on top, with a grand total of 3308 points. England unfortunately came forth with a combined score 3236, some 81 points off the leaders. The final positions, 1<sup>st</sup> Wales; 2<sup>nd</sup> Northern Ireland; 3<sup>rd</sup> Scotland and 4<sup>th</sup> England.

On a very positive note, Ed picked up a third place in the Gents Recurve as an individual and top scorer for the team with a score of 562, 29 of which were 10's. This was a very encouraging first England Shoot for Ed, hopefully more to come, which the Archery European Cup and the Home Nations outdoor in July.

It is a great credit to the organisers, the GNAS and all the junior archers who took part in this competition. Their behaviour and their sportsmanship was excellent.

For more useful information about the club and archery in general visit:

[www.colchesterarchery.org.uk](http://www.colchesterarchery.org.uk)

[www.gnas.org](http://www.gnas.org)

[www.ecaa.org.uk](http://www.ecaa.org.uk)



Edward Kearse, from Colchester & District Archery Club shooting for England at the Home Nations Junior National Indoor Championships 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2007



Looking down at the shooting line. (White shirts are the England Team)



Ben, has an equipment failure, supported by two team mates Tyler and Edward

Team Spirit



From above again.



The England Junior Team (L2R)

Lucy O'Sullivan  
(Com)  
Ben Humphrys  
(Com)  
Frankie Jones  
(Rec)  
Ed Kearse  
(Rec)  
Tyler Powell  
(Rec)  
Rebecca Lantsbery  
(Rec)