

The Huddle

Hamilton County Sports Authority **News**

Olympians hit the bull's-eye at Grand Park

A community known for its love of ball sports welcomed archery to its sports fields, where more than 5,000 fans watched some of the best archers in the country compete. Competitors included four Olympians, a five-time Olympian, six Paralympians, two Paralympic champions and 12 world champions. Not only did fans get to see the sport of archery, but they could try it as well through a Try Archery event sponsored by Hamilton County Tourism and USA Archery.

It was all part of the USA Archery National Target Championship and Junior Olympic Archery Development National Championship, where a record 1,200 competed over the five-day competition at Grand Park.

Watching archer Matt Stutzman not just compete but win the compound men's national title in the able-bodied division, despite having no arms was a highlight. Stutzman won a silver medal in the 2012 Paralympic games in London, and now competes in the able-bodied competition as he chases his dream of being on the Olympic team.

"We love working with USA Archery and would love to work with them to host another event in the future," said Scott Spillman, Hamilton County Sports Authority sports development manager.

Anchor Point Archery, the local host club, worked with USA Archery's volunteers to help run the event along with a team of local volunteers.

"Westfield city employees, Hamilton County residents and friends and family all lended a hand," Spillman said. "We couldn't have done it without everyone's help."



Little League® brings regional tournaments to Hamilton County

More than 2,000 people attended the Little League Softball® and Little League Baseball® Central Regional tournaments to Grand Park over a two-week span in late July and early August. ESPN broadcast the Little League Central Regional Baseball tournament. Winners of the tournaments advanced to the Little League World Baseball World Series in Williamsport, PA. and the Little League Softball World Series in Portland, Oregon.

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