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Miami Employee's Son is First U.S. Recurve Archery World Champ in 34 Years

(August 2, 2019) Miami Hydromet Supervisor **Alfred Ellison** once again is basking in the glow of his son Brady's archery prowess.

The three-time Olympic medalist recently collected his first world title at the June 2019 Hyundai World Archery Championships. Brady Ellison is the first American to win an individual world title in recurve archery since 1985.

"This probably is the biggest one I've won. It's bigger than my fields (field archery competitions), it's probably bigger than my bronze at the Games at this moment," Brady Ellison told World Archery, the sport's international governing body, alluding to his Olympic history that includes a silver medal in 2012 and both an individual bronze and team silver in 2016.



Brady Ellison draws back his bow at the 2019 Hyundai World Archery Championships, where he won the world title in archery.

At the world championships, Brady Ellison made a perfect shot in a tiebreaker, topping his challenger 10-8 to take the gold medal. After earning the world title and on the heels of a long record of career wins, he also was voted Team USA male athlete of the month for June.

Further energized by his bronze finish at an Olympic test event in mid-July, Brady Ellison's sights now are set on the next gleaming target – a gold medal at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo.

"I believe he will win gold in Tokyo," Alfred Ellison said. "Brady's a top contender now, and because of the tough competition he's faced over the years, he's shooting the best he's ever shot."

The last time an American won individual and team titles in Olympic archery was at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Brady Ellison hopes to stop the clock on that record next summer. ■