

Our Unknown Heroine: Anna Korakaki

Age: 27

Place of birth: Drama, Greece

Place of residence: Thessaloniki

Profession: shooting athlete



Biography

Anna Korakaki, born in April 1996, is an Olympic Gold Medalist and World Shooting Champion.

Her first steps in shooting took place at the age of 12, under the guidance of her champion father, who is also her coach even today and just 2 years later she became a member of the National Team. She also holds the World Record in the Junior category, following her performance at the European Junior Championships in Moscow in 2014.

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A few months after the two silver medals at the World Cup in Baku, the Greek champion rose to the top of the world and became the first athlete from our country to win two medals in one Olympic Games event, a gold medal at 25m. pistol and a bronze at 10m. air pistol.

The continuation was excellent, as in the next 6 years he managed to win 8 more medals in World, European and Mediterranean championships. The silver medal at the 2022 World Championships is her most recent success.

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Since 2010 she has been a member of the national team and in her first competition abroad, she took 8th place at the 50th World Championships in Munich at the age of fourteen.

Since 2011, she has been Panhellenic Champion in 10 meters air pistol and 25 meters firearms for 8 consecutive times. As a junior, she holds the Panhellenic records at 10 and 25 meters. She also broke the panhellenic record in the Women's category in the 10 meters with a performance of 391/400 and therefore holds 3 out of 4 records in the events she competes in.



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Some of her most important awards according to the World Shooting Federation

- Silver (10m) and gold (25m) at the European Games in Russia (2019)
- Gold (10m) at the World Cup in Germany (2019)
- Bronze (25m) at the World Cup in China (2019)
- Gold (10m) at the World Championships in South Korea (2018)
- Gold (25m) at the World Championships in Mexico (2018)
- Gold (25m) and silver (10m) at the World Cup in Italy (2016)

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- Gold and bronze medal at the Olympics in Brazil (2016)
- Two silver medals at the World Cup in Azerbaijan (2016)
- Silver at the World Youth Cup in Germany (2015)
- Bronze at the World Championships in the USA (2015)
- Gold medal at the Pan-European Airgun Championship in Russia (2014)
- Bronze at the World Championships in Spain (2014)

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Excerpt from an interview after the award in Rio (Olympic Games, Brazil 2016)

"I feel fantastic. It is the vindication of my efforts", said the 20-year-old champion shortly after the award and added: "This medal came after many difficulties that I went through in the last years. It's a vindication for both me and my father because we've worked really hard to get this far. It was very hard. My father is also my coach and it was very important that he was here with me. At such a level it is important that you are on the podium. The color of the medal is not so important. Now I will be more liberated psychologically for the next matches".

After the award in Rio (Olympic Games, Brazil 2016)

In order to justify her efforts, her mother spoke, noting: "We communicate often since yesterday, she is happy. Anna showed great dedication to the sport, she worked very methodically for a long time and the result justifies her efforts," she said and added: "I am very proud. Success came from hard work from my daughter and husband. The hardest matches were played outside the arenas. Not to say zero, the support from the state was minimal. At times we had to fight for the obvious and hard battles had to be fought for that".

Rio (Olympic Games, Brazil 2016)



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Closing this presentation, let us mention that she is an athlete of Orion Thessaloniki. She has been shooting since 2009 and studies Special Education at the University of Macedonia.

She became the first woman to receive the Olympic Flame as the first torchbearer after it was lit for the 2020 Summer Olympics.

Sources

For the presentation of our unknown heroine, Anna Korakaki, we got information and photos from the internet and more specifically from:

(1) el.wikipedia.org

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Thank you!!!