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POST-COMPETITION PRESS CONFERENCE Men's 62 kg.

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Halil Mutlu (TUR): "Because of a recent shoulder injury I had to move temporarily to the 62 kg. category. But if I see that the level of opposition remains as is currently, I will continue in this category until the 2004 Olympics. I pursued to create a relationship with the Greek crowd, considering that the next Olympics will be held here and I will appreciate their support. Of course, if I will compete against Sabanis, I hope that I'll get at least 50% of the crowd on my side."

Stefan Georgiev (BUL): "When I initially heard that Mutlu would compete in this category I didn't think much of it, especially considering that there are many other strong athletes, such as Sabanis who did not compete today. The fact is that Mutlu is in a class by himself, and when I'm not in a good day, like today, I can't think how I can beat him. As long as Mutlu remains in this category my goal will be to get on the podium, and if all goes well, then shoot for the gold."

Henadzi Aliaschuk (BLR): *Did not appear at the Press Conference.*

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