

2003 European Weightlifting Championships  
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Loutraki, Greece

## POST-COMPETITION PRESS CONFERENCE Women's 63 kg.

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**Anastasia Tsakiri (GRE):** "Despite a recent injury, I decided to take part in this competition, firstly because the European Championships are being held in our country and secondly because I had pressure from my coach. I wanted to sing out loud our National Anthem, but I restrained myself and I hope that I'll be in the same position during the Athens Olympics in 2004. I dedicate this victory to my family—something I always like to do—and to the children that recently lost their lives. I was very happy that for the first time my grandparents were here to watch me compete."

**Gergana Kirilova (BUL):** "I look forward to the next World Championships in Vancouver and despite the fact that I'll be 31 then, I hope to be present in the Olympic Games in Athens in 2004."

**Zlatina Atanasova (BUL):** "My goal now is to clinch a berth for the Athens Olympics in 2004, where I hope to do well, against such a strong opponent as Tsakiri."

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