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5 MARTIAL ARTS

WATCH >> For the traditionalists, we'll start with **fencing**. Germany's **Peter Joppich** will be the épée-wielding master to beat. In **archery**, look no further than South Korea's **Im Dong Hyun** – the gold medal has his name on it. What's remarkable is that this champion is legally blind. And in **shooting**, the young Italian rifleman **Niccolo Campriani** – with honours from world and European championships – is the standout.

IRISH INTEREST >> **Derek Burnett** (Olympic Trap)

6 BOXING

WATCH >> **Artur Beterbiev**. A champion Chechen boxer, now competing for Russia, 26-year-old Beterbiev is a skilled and savvy pugilist who has won his share of medals in top competitions. He'll step into the ring at light-heavyweight, but beware the punching power that wouldn't go astray in the higher division.

WATCH >> **Katie Taylor** (right). Fresh from collecting her fourth consecutive world title in China, the affable boxer is in the best shape of her life. Her qualification to fight in London had been taken as a *fait accompli* by all and sundry – except Katie. Never one to underestimate her opponents, she's been consistently excellent to ensure getting to the biggest stage. Just watch her left hand. The Wicklow lady is, quite simply, our best bet for a gold.



Im Dong Hyun



Artur Beterbiev



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OTHER IRISH INTEREST >> **Paddy Barnes**. A bronze medal winner from Beijing 2008, light-flyweight Barnes is strong enough to make the podium again.

Adam Nolan. The southpaw counter-puncher qualified in style by winning the welterweight qualifiers in Turkey outright.

TEAM. Flyweight **Michael Conlan**; Bantamweight **John Joe Nevin**; Middleweight **Darren O'Neill**

7 TAEKWONDO

WATCH >> **Steven Lopez**. The face of Taekwondo in the US, Lopez collects medals for fun – so far, he's got 5 World Championships, 2 Olympic golds and a bronze. And he's back for his fourth games. Watch out for his sister, Diana, who will also be high-kicking her way through the competition.

8 JUDO

WATCH >> **Teddy Riner**. Don't be fooled by the soft name, this French judoka could fling you further than you could jump. Standing all of 6ft 8in and weighing 139kg, let's just say his nickname **Teddy Bear** suits him.



Teddy Riner

IRISH INTEREST >> **Lisa Kearney**

9 WRESTLING

WATCH >> **Saori Yoshida**. A Japanese champion many times over, Saori Yoshida is a professional female wrestler who's won every world and international-level tournament she's entered. You have been warned.



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