Middleton’s Mulloy takes aim at Olympic Gold

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“It’s a long and improbable journey from Middleton to Sydney, Australia via Fairbanks, Alaska. But that’s the circuitous route Melissa Mulloy has taken to achieve the grand honor of being a United States Olympian.

Now the 22-year-old Masconomet Regional alumna is ready to give a worldwide field her best shot as a member of Uncle Sam’s rifle shooting squad, specifically in the smallbore (.22 caliber) event.

It’s the story of an athlete who may have been on target for Olympic glory as early as her freshman year at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, where the 5-foot-4 senior business major would become a five-time All-America in smallbore and air rifle, a backbone in two NCAA championships and a national titleholder in air rifle in USA Shooting.

“There was no doubt in my mind Melissa would be an Olympian. I told her parents (Jerry and Susan) last year that she’d do it. I’ve felt since she got here four years ago that all she needed was some fine-tuning in the technical aspects to be an Olympian some day,” said Randy Pitney, the UAF coach.