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**China, Chinese Taipei and Spain pocket the first three ISSF World Cup
Gold medals in Rio**

At the Olympic Shooting Centre inside the Deodoro Park three different national anthems resounded on the first day of final matches, as China's Du Li pocketed the first Gold medal up for grabs in the test event in the 10m Air Rifle Women, followed by Chinese Taipei's Lin Yi Chun in the Trap Women event and by Spain's Pablo Carrera in the 10m Air Pistol Men.

Rio de Janeiro (BRA) - Three different countries secured the first three Gold medals at the ISSF World Cup in all events in Rio de Janeiro (BRA), a competition that is also serving as a test event for the shooting ranges that will host the Olympic Shooting events in August.

10m Air Rifle Women

The People's Republic of China pocketed the first Gold medal of the ISSF World Cup in Rio de Janeiro (BRA), as Du Li claimed the top of the podium nine years after her last one in this event.

The Chinese 34-year-old shooter fought for the Gold medal with Russia's Daria Vdovina and Germany's Selina Gschwandtner, who both took the lead of the match along its first half. After the sixth series of final shots, anyway, Du distanced herself from her two rivals, finishing with 208.3 points.

Vdovina, 26, closed with 208.0 points, and reached the World Cup podium for the first time, as her previous best result in the ISSF World Cup was a 5th place in Fort Benning (USA) in 2013. Gschwandtner, 21, finished with 186.8, also claiming her first 10m Air Rifle Women medal after finishing on the 3 Positions podium at last year's World Cup stage in Changwon (KOR).

4th with 164.6 points finished Mexico's Gorette Alejandra Zumaya Flores, participating in her first World Cup final phase; while Iranian shooter Najmeh Khedmati placed 5th with 143.9.

Besides Vdovina and Gschwandtner, Du also battled with two of her closest friends and teammates, Yi Siling, who finished 6th with 123.3 points, and Zhang Binbin, who led the qualification round, but only finished 7th with 101.9 points.

First to be eliminated from the final match, another German athlete, Nina Laura Kreuzer, with 81.2.

For the 10m Air Rifle Women complete results [click here](#).

Trap Women

It didn't take too much for Chinese Taipei to experience the highest step of the podium at the ISSF World Cup stage in Rio de Janeiro (BRA), as Lin Yi Chun prevailed over Lebanon's Ray Bassil in today's Trap Women Gold medal match, despite missing four of her first six medal match targets.

With Bassil nailing the perfect semifinal round with 15 target hits, Lin joined her only after going through a shoot-off with China's Chen Fang, as they both concluded the semifinal with 12 hits. In the tie-breaker it took seven additional targets to award Lin with the spot in the Gold medal match.

There, after a cold start, Lin crushed eight of her last nine targets, finishing with a 10 hits to 9 final score and claiming the first World Cup Gold medal of her career.

After losing the shoot-off to enter the Gold medal match, China's Chen also lost the Bronze one, where Germany's Sonja Scheibl qualified with 11 semifinal targets. The German shooter, Silver medallist at this year's World Cup stage in Nicosia, prevailed over Chen with the final score of 11 hits to 9, stepping on the 3rd step to podium and earning her second consecutive ISSF World Cup medal.

Eliminated after the semifinal round, two Australian shooters placed in 5th and 6th position: Catherine Skinner with 9 target hits and her teammate Laetisha Scanlan with 8.

For the Trap Women complete results [click here](#).

10m Air Pistol Men

The first day of finals in Rio de Janeiro concluded in great style, as the 10m Air Pistol Men event saw three different shooters taking the lead during the match, finally crowning Spain's Pablo Carrera as the Gold medallist.

The Spanish shooter snatched the lead from Serbia's Damir Mikec early in the final, leading the pack until the fourth series, when Slovakia's Juraj Tuzinsky replaced Carrera on top of the leaderboard.

Tuzinsky then slipped from 1st to 3rd as he hit a quite unsatisfying 8.8-9.6 combo in his seventh series, concluding with 179.2 points, collecting the Bronze medal and leaving Carrera and Mikec to shoot for the Gold.

With the Serbian 0.3 points ahead of his Spanish rival, Carrera closed the gap to just 0.1 points after their nineteenth shot, sealing the victory with a final 9.5. An average shot, but enough to overtake Mikec, who scored 9.0. Carrera finished his match with 199.3 points, while Mikec recorded 198.9.

Ukraine's Oleh Omelchuk matched Carrera, Mikec and Tuzinsky's performances for the first half of the match, but lost contact after hitting a disappointing 8.9 on his sixth series. He then concluded 4th with 159.2 final points.

5th with 136.7 points placed USA's Will Brown, followed by Japan's Kojiro Horimizu with 117.3, 6th, and by Pang Wei of the People's Republic of China with 97.9 points, 7th.

First to be eliminated from the final, Vietnam's Tran Quoc Cuong scored 76.2 points and concluded 8th.

The ISSF World Cup stage in Rio de Janeiro will continue tomorrow with the 10m Air Pistol Women final, scheduled at 1:00 PM (UTC-3), followed by the Trap Men final at 3:00 PM.

For the 10m Air Pistol Men compete results [click here](#).

For the schedule of the competition and the medal standings [click here](#).

For editorial photos [click here](#).

Notes for the editors:

The International Shooting Sport Federation is the governing body of the Olympic Shooting events, and it has over 160 affiliated National Federations worldwide. Shooting is an Olympic sport since the very first edition of the modern Olympic Games, Athens 1896. Find out more about the International Shooting Sport Federation at www.issf-sports.org.

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