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Final day's double brings the People's Republic of China on top
of the medal standings in Rio

The first combined ISSF World Cup stage of the 2016 season got in the books today, after the People's Republic of China and Sweden secured the two last medals up for grabs in the competition. China also jumped on top of the medal standings, concluding the stage with 7 total medals: 2 Gold ones, 2 Silvers and 3 Bronzes.

Rio de Janeiro (BRA) - Thanks to the two medals conquered in the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men event, the People's Republic of China jumps on top of the medal standings in Rio de Janeiro (BRA), where the ISSF World Cup stage in all events concluded today.

50m Rifle 3 Positions Men

A third World Record has been set at the Olympic Shooting Centre in Rio de Janeiro (BRA).

After the Equalled Final World Record achieved yesterday by Russia's Alexei Klimov in the 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men event, and the new World Record set by Snjezana Pejic in the 3 Positions Women event on Friday, China's shooter Hui Zicheng set his own one, commanding the final of the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men event and writing a new page of the record books.

USA's Matthew Emmons, Bronze medallist in this event at the London 2012 Olympic Games, placed 2nd, closing the gap with Hui during the final shots of the match, but surrendering to the Chinese almost-perfect 10.8 that sealed the Gold medal.

Hui finished with 463.7 points, setting a new Final World Record in this event. The previous one was fired by Russian Federation's Nazar Louginets in Munich in 2014. Emmons recorded a final score of 461.6 points, and his Silver medal is the third one collected by the United States of America in this competition.

In the lead after both the kneeling and the prone series, Hui's teammate Zhu Qinan finished 3rd with 451.2 points, followed by Ukraine's Serhiy Kulish with 439.6.

Russia's Sergey Kamenskiy, the Bronze medallist in Monday's 10m Air Rifle Men event, placed 5th with 428.1 points, after overtaking Italian shooter Marco De Nicolo on the edge of an elimination. De Nicolo then concluded in 6th place with 417.3 points.

Eliminated after the 40th shot, Anton Rizov of Bulgaria placed 8th with 393.9, more than ten points behind Hungary's Peter Sidi, 7th with 404.6, also eliminated after the 10th shot of the standing position.

Skeet Men

Marcus Svensson of Sweden sealed the ISSF World Cup stage in Rio de Janeiro (BRA) with the Skeet Men Gold medal, and emerging as the winner of an unexpected Gold medal match against India's Mairaj Ahmad Khan.

After they both hit 15 semifinal targets, Svensson and Khan finished tied also at the end of the regular course of the match, where they both crushed 14 clays. In the subsequent tie-breaking shoot-off, Khan missed on his very first double, delivering the first Gold medal of his career to Marcus Svensson.

A three-way shoot-off was required to determine the two participants of the Bronze medal match, as at the end of the semifinal round Tammaro Cassandro of Italy, Vincent Hancock of the United States and Juan Jose Aramburu of Spain all finished with 14 target hits.

Hancock, the reigning ISSF World Champion and a two time Olympic Gold medallist, surprisingly missed first and concluded in 5th place. Despite staying out of the medal matches, Hancock was honoured immediately after the medal ceremony with the 2015 ISSF Men's Shooter of the Year Award, delivered to him by the President of the ISSF, Mr. Olegario Vazquez Raña and by the Secretary General of the ISSF, Mr. Franz Schreiber.

The match for the 3rd step of the podium saw Cassandro, another first-time semifinalist in the ISSF World Cup, perform the perfect match. He crushed all of his targets, claiming the Bronze medal with 16 hits against Aramburu's 15. 6th, with 13 semifinal hits, placed Anton Astakhov of the Russian Federation.

Recap of the competition

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Hui Zicheng's Gold and Zhu Qinan's Bronze are added to the Gold pocketed by Du Li in the 10m Air Rifle Women event, the very first final of the competition. More medals for China have been secured by Cao Yifei, 2nd in the 10m Air Rifle Men, Wang Zhiwei, 3rd in the 50m Pistol Men, Zhang Jingjing, 2nd in the 25m Pistol Women, and Lu Min, 3rd in the Skeet Women event.

The Russian Federation finished the competition in 2nd place, securing 2 Gold medals, 2 Silvers and 1 Bronze. Ukraine followed in 3rd with 2 Golds as well and 1 Bronze.

For the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men complete results [click here](#).

For the Skeet Men complete results [click here](#).

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

For editorial photos [click here](#).

Notes for the editors:

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