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Unbeatable Pejcic secures 3rd Gold of the season, her 4th medal out of 4 world cups

The Croatian shooter won another 50m Rifle 3 Positions Women event, today, confirming her status as world ranking leader, 39 days before the opening of Rio 2016. At the following women's Skeet final, USA's Amber English beat 2008 Olympic Champ Cainero to win her first world cup gold.

The 2015 ISSF Shooter of the Year Snejana Pejcic of Croatia (33) claimed her third world cup gold medal of the season, at today's 50m Rifle 3 Positions Women event, during the ISSF World Cup in Baku.

During the medal match, Pejcic closed the kneeling series (153.3 points) and the prone series (309.4 pts) in second place behind People's Republic of China's Chen Dongqi (27). The standing series were the turning point of her final: the Croatian shooter zeroed in and scored 459.7 points, to finish atop of the podium.

In the meantime, Chen slid down in fourth place, where she closed the match with 434.6 points. Austria's second-time finalist Franziska Peer (29) and the second Chinese finalist Zhao Huixin (27) took advantage of her defiance in the standing series, climbing up in second and third place, with 454.4 and 444.4 points, respectively.

Pejcic, a 2008 Olympic air rifle Bronze medallist, made it to all world cup podiums this year, winning the previous stages in Munich and Rio de Janeiro, and securing silver at the first world cup of the season in Bangkok.

"When I think about it I go... wow!" Says the Croatian shooter. "I think this is my best season ever. Last year it has been amazing, but this 2016 is even better. With 39 days to go to the Olympics, I am trying not to freak out. I am taking a rest after this match. I need a small break before the last trainings ahead of Rio."

Later today, the Skeet Women Final, which saw the success of the 2014 Continental American Champion Amber English of the United States of America.

The 26-year old athlete nailed today's goal beating the 2008 Olympic Champion Chiara Cainero of Italy (38) by 14 to 12 hits in the medal match. English had qualified with 72 hits out of 75 targets, and cleared the semi-final with 15 hits out of 16 targets.

"I am super-excited. I wish I had shot a better final, but I couldn't be happier with the result right now," she said after the match, wearing her first world cup gold medal in career. "It's the first time for me here in Baku, the range is beautiful, and the competition was awesome. It started to be pretty

windy toward the end of the qualifications, that was challenging for everyone. But ultimately it was a good match. I am excited to shoot the world cup final in October, I've just qualified.”

The second Italian finalist, Simona Scocchetti (30), pocketed today's Bronze at the end of a close medal match, beating France's first-time finalist Lucie Anastassiou (23) by 14 hits + 10 in the shoot-off to 14 + 9.

After 13 out of 15 events conducted at the ISSF World Cup in Baku, the People's Republic of China is still atop of the intermediate medals rankings with 1 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze medals. The Republic of Korea follows in second with 1 Gold and 5 Bronze medals.

Tomorrow, June 28, the stage will be closed by the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men Final (1.00 PM GMT+4) and by the men's Skeet Final (3.45 PM).

Results: <http://goo.gl/CcCJuh>

Events photos: <https://goo.gl/zTV36y>

Events videos: <https://www.youtube.com/issfchannel>

Notes for the editors:

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