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ISSF Press Release N. 23/2017 Quiquampoix leads 25m Rapid Fire Pistol final, Kim wins 50m Rifle Prone match

In the final, France's Quiquampoix met and beat the two athletes who shared the Rio 2016 Olympic podium with him. Earlier today, Rio 2016 silver medalist Kim (KOR) claimed gold at the last shot.

Munich (GER), 21 May 2017 – All three Rio 2016 medalists competed in today's 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men final, at the ISSF World Cup in Munich, Germany.

With 33 hits, and two hits of advantage on his followers, it was Olympic silver medalist Jean Quiquampoix, 21, from France, who won the match, leaving Zhang Jian of the People's Republic of China, 31, in second place with 31 hits.

The reigning Olympic Champion Christian Reitz, shooting on his home turf here in Germany, placed in third with 25 hits.

"I'm very happy, because today I managed to rebound after a difficult first world cup stage," said Quiquampoix after the final. At the last ISSF Rifle and Pistol World Cup in New Delhi he had placed in 14th.

"I like the Munich's shooting range," he continued. Here he won the 2015 ISSF World Cup Final, as well as a world cup silver in 2016. "It's maybe a coincidence but, every time I come here it ends up with a medal, so I'm always motivated to compete in Munich, it's always pleasure."

Quiquampoix finished in the spotlights during the Rio Games, as he won Silver at his first participation, at 20 years of age. But that didn't change his life, he said. "After Rio, not a lot have changed," he commented. "The media exposure during and after the Olympics has been huge, but ephemeral. It only lasted a month or so, and now life goes on."

Indeed, Quiquampoix is back to work: "next step will be the ISSF World Cup in Gabala, (next June, ed.), and then the main focus of the season is on the European Championship in Baku (next July, ed.)"

His teammate Clement Bessaguet, 25, took today's 4th place with 21 hits, ahead of Rio 2016 Bronze medalist Li Yuehong of the People's Republic of China, 27, who closed the match in 5th with 17 hits.

Earlier today, another hero of Rio 2016, Olympic silver medalist Kim Jonghyun (KOR) claimed gold at the men's 50m Rifle Prone final.

The 31-year old shooter moved in the lead at the very last shot, as he fired a strong 10.7 to close the match with 248.3 points. The Korean athlete finished just 0.1 point ahead of silver medalist Stian Bogar of Norway, 40, who scored 10.0 on his last shot to finish in second place with 248.2 points.

Austria's Thomas Mathis, 27, took today's bronze with 227.1 points, collecting his second ISSF world cup medal in career, the first one being a silver won here in Munich back in 2013.

753 athletes from 80 nations are competing in the ISSF Rifle and Pistol World Cup in Munich, from the 18th through the 23rd of May. Tomorrow, May 22, the world cup stage will continue with two medal events: the women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions final is scheduled at 11.30 (GMT+2), while the men's 10m Air Pistol final will be held at 13.15.

All final matches will be streamed live on the <u>ISSF website</u>, on the Federation's <u>Livestream channel</u> and on its official <u>Facebook page</u>. Live results of the competition, news and updates will be available on <u>www.issf-sports.org</u> and on all ISSF social media platforms: <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>YouTube</u>, <u>Weibo</u> and <u>Youku</u>.

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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