

XXX OLYMPIC GAMES

LONDON 2012 AT THE START BLOCKS

THE COUNTDOWN IS OVER: IT'S GAMES TIME, AND LONDON WELCOMES 390 SHOOTERS FROM MORE THAN 100 COUNTRIES TO THE ROYAL ARTILLERY BARRACKS VENUE IN WOOLWICH. FIFTEEN OLYMPIC SHOOTING EVENTS IN THE DISCIPLINES OF RIFLE, PISTOL AND SHOTGUN SHOOTING WILL TAKE PLACE THERE. THE VERY FIRST 2012 OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL WHICH WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE 10M AIR RIFLE WOMEN WINNER ON JULY 28, AND UNTIL THE LAST SHOOTING COMPETITION ON AUGUST 6, SHOOTING SPORT WILL BE ONCE AGAIN IN THE HEART OF THE OLYMPICS, JUST LIKE IN 1896.

QUOTA SYSTEM SHOOTING AT THE GAMES 1988 - 2012

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OLYMPIC GAMES NUMBER PARTICIPANTS NUMBER OF SHOOTERS										
	OF EVENTS	MEN	WOMEN	TOTAL	AFRICA	AMERICA	ASIA	EUROPE	OZEANIA	
1988 Seoul (KOR)	13	285	111	396	5	62	77	236	16	
1992 Barcelona (ESP)	13	290	117	407	9	62	75	251	10	
1996 Atlanta (USA)	15	294	125	419	7	63	86	245	18	
2000 Sydney (AUS)	17	262	146	408	13	71	85	209	30	

PARTICIPATING NOCS		AS OF JULY 10 2012

OLYMPIC GAMES	NUMBER		ENTRIES			NUMBER OF NOCS				
	OF EVENTS	MEN	WOMEN	TOTAL	AFRICA	AMERICA	ASIA	EUROPE	OZEANIA	OF NOCS
1988 Seoul (KOR)	13	385	164	549	3	14	17	30	2	66
1992 Barcelona (ESP)	13	385	179	564	3	19	21	38	2	83
1996 Atlanta (USA)	15	426	186	612	5	17	30	46	2	100
2000 Sydney (AUS)	17	380	225	605	4	19	31	47	2	103
2004 Athens (GRE)	17	359	199	558	4	22	32	45	3	106
2008 Beijing (CHN)	15	364	214	578	3	22	31	44	3	103
2012 London (GBR)	15	334	230	564	6	19	34	46	3	108

2004 Athens (GRE)

2008 Beijing (CHN)

2012 London (GBR)

9-TIME OLYMPIAN







he history of shooting at the Games started that year, since our sport was part of the program of the very first Olympics. The founder of the modern Olympic movement, Pierre de Coubertin, was a pistol shooter himself, and from that year on, 4451 SHOOTERS from 147 DIFFERENT **COUNTRIES** have competed in the Games. The number of participants - and of quota places when introduced - continued growing, as well as the number of countries with qualified athletes. With 103 NATIONS represented in Beijing, shooting is one of the most universal sports of the world. And the figure is increasing, with more countries represented in London than in 2008. The club growing more and more, and 2012 will be the first time for Algeria and Bhutan to be represented on the shooting lines.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA stand at the top of the overall medal standings of these 30 Olympic Games, with a total of 103 medals in shooting, followed by a booming figure from the PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, which stands in second with 42 medals won from 1984, the year of their first participation. And an American shooter won the highest number of medals in our sport. CARL TOWNSEND OSBURN, who competed back in 1912, 1920 and 1924, obtained 11 medals (including 5 titles), considering both individual and team events. Reviewing our era, RALF **SCHUMANN** is the most titled and (active) shooter, and he will participate in the 2012 London Olympics. The German Rapid Fire Pistol shooter finished on the Olympic podium five times, winning 3 individual Olympic Gold and 2 Silver medals. And he will try to increase his medal collection on the Royal Artillery Barracks lines, where the new "hit or miss" direct-elimination competition format will be used for the first time at the Games. The spotlights will also be on the USA's KIMBERLY RHODE, who is said to be one of the favorites for the 2012 London Olympics in the Skeet Women event. With four individual Olympic medals won in Double Trap and Skeet Women events (2 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze) between 1996 and 2008, in London she could become the first US athlete to win five individual medals back to back in the history of the Games. Winning one more medal will also place her in first place as the "most titled" Olympic female shooter in history.

Speaking of records, Shooting sport family is ready to celebrate AFANASIJS KUZMINS, of Latvia, a veteran of our sport. The 65-year old athlete, born in 1947, will participate in the London Olympics in Pistol events. Kuzmins will join Austria's HUBERT RAUDASCHL and "Captain Canada" IAN MILLER, an equestrian show jumper, in the very exclusive club of the 9-time Olympians. At the same time, participating in his 8th Olympic Games, Slovenia's RAJMOND DEBEVEC, 49 years old, will try to repeat his achievement, finishing on the podium of the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men event as he did in Beijing four years ago. Among the women, NINO SALUKVADZE will compete for the seventh time in Pistol events since 1988, hoping for another medal after finishing on the 2008 podium. Shooting is a family, and family affairs will be a part of these 2012 Olympic Games. Shooting is about traditions, and that's why you will meet proud fathers on the ranges. THE CHAPMANS from Australia: the father DAVID J. and his daughter HAYLEY, will be competing in Pistol events for the first time together at the Olympics. And it will also be the first time for Kuwait's 1998 World Skeet Champion ABDULLAH ALRASHIDI and his son TALAL, as well as for Shotgun shooters ANTONAKIS and PANAGIOTA ANDREOU of Cyprus. But shooting is also a sport of passion, and love. The Mark family - 1996 Olympic CHAMP RUS-SELL and his wife LAURYN, fourth at the 2004 Games - will compete in Double Trap Men and Skeet Women. Joining them in the "families club", KATERINA and MATTHEW EMMONS, two Olympic multi-medalists from the Czech Republic and the USA: their kiss after Katerina's victory at the 2008 10m Air Rifle Women final remains in the history of the Games. Chinese Rifle Women champion DU LI will fly to London with her husband PANG WEI, 10M Air Pistol Champion of 2008 and Serbia's DAMIR MIKEC along with his wife MELISSA from El Salvador will compete in Pistol events alongside in London. And in addition to Oceania, Europe and Asia, North America also was looking for its golden couple. And here came the UPTAGRAFFT FAMILY: ERIC and SANDRA, competing in the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men and 25m Pistol Women events.

So, as you can see, shooting is not all about numbers and points. Love, tears, joy, successes and defeats, are the ingredients of this sport, beloved by millions. Don't miss it, within the showcase of the 2012 London Olympics. Let's the Games begin!

Marco Dalla Dea / Georgi Nekhaev / Wolfgang Schreiber



QUOTA PLACES SHOOTING

AS OF JULY 10 2012

					MEN EVEN	ITS							WOMEN	EVENTS		
		RIFLE				PISTOL			SHOTGUN	I	RIF	LE	PIST	roL	SHOT	GUN
NOC	TOTAL	FR3X40	FR60PR	AR60	FP	RFP	AP60	TR125	DT150	SK125	STR3X20	AR40	SP	AP40	TR75	SK75
per NOC	max 28	max 2	max 2	max 2	max 2	max 2	max 2	max 2	max 2	max 2	max 2	max 2	max 2	max 2	max 1	max 1
ALB	1						1									
ALG	1						1									
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BIH	1	1														
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BOL	1							1								
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BRN	1										1					
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CAN	2			1										1		
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CYP	3					_				2	_	_				1
CZE	10			1		2		2		2		2		1		
DEN	5		1							2		2				
DOM	1							1								
ECU	1											1				
EGY	7			1			1	1		2		1				1
ESA	1											1				
ESP	8		1			1	1	2		1			1		1	
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GRE	3									2				1		
GUA	2				1			1								
HKG	1													1		
HON	1													1		
HUN	3			1					1				1			
INA	1			_					_			1		_		
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SL	1				1									1		
SR	1			1	1											
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JPN	4		1	_	1		_	_	_	_		_	1		1	_
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OR	13	2	1		2	1				1	2		1	2	1	



A TOTAL OF 390 QUOTA PLACES HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO 108 NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES FOR EACH EVENT OF EACH DISCIPLINE ACCORDING THE QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE IN THE YEARS 2010, 2011 AND 2012: 390 SHOOTING ATHLETES FROM 108 NOCS, READY FORT HE 2012 LONDON OLYMPIC GAMES.

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KSA	1									1						
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MAR	1											-			1	
MAS	1											1				
MDA	1													1		
MEX	4									1	1	1		1		
MGL	2			1									1			
MLT	1								1							
MNE	1				1											
MYA	1						1								1	
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NEP	1			1								1				
NOR	6	2	1	1						1		1				
NZL	1	_	1	_						_		_				
OMA	1								1							
PAK	1									1						
PER	1									1						
PHI	1									1						
POL	4										1	2		1		
POR	2						1							1		
PRK	1								1				1			
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ROU	2			1				1		1	1					1
RSA	1			1					1							1
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SIN	1											1				
SLO	3		1					1				1				
SMR	1														1	
SRB	8	1			1		1				1	1	1	2		
SRI	1		1													
SUI	7	1	1	1			1			1	1		1			
SVK SWE	7	1			1		1	1	1	2	1				1	1
SYR	4 1								1	2		1				1
THA	4				1							1	2			1
TJK	1				1		1						_			1
TPE	3						_							2	1	
TRI	1				1											
TUN	1													1		
TUR	5						2	1							1	1
UAE	3							1	1	1						
UKR	8	1		1		1	2				1	1		1		
URU	1			1												
USA	20	2	2	1	1	2	2		2	2	2	1	1		1	1
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TOTAL	390	22	24	30	19	17	29	33	21	36	25	39	24	33	21	17



10M AIR RIFLE WOMEN

MEETING THE 1ST CHAMPION OF LONDON 2012

raditionally, shooting assigns the first Olympic Gold medal. On July 28, the spotlights will be on the 10m Air Rifle Women event, where the very first champion of the 2012 London Olympics will be crowned. Hundreds of media, and millions of people, are waiting to see the first hero of the XXX Games in action. But who's going to climb the highest podium of the world? Who will turn into the icon of the first Olympic match? Hard to guess, so let's do some math!

By the time we publish this article, the People's Republic of China have not announced their Olympic team yet, but it's almost sure that 2010 ISSF World Champion YI SILING will participate in the Olympics. She's young (23), she is ranked 1st in the world in this event, and she was the first athlete to qualify for the Games in 2010, winning an Olympic Quota at the ISSF World Championship in Munich.

Numbers seems to be on her side: out of 15 ISSF competitions she participated in (during the last 4 years), she made it to 12 finals, finishing 9 times with a medal around her neck. Yi turned to be the strongest shooter of 2011 by winning the ISSF World Cup Final in Wroclaw, and he also won this year's ISSF World Cup Stage in Munich, finishing in second in London at the pre-Olympic test event. She's good and she knows it, as she admitted herself: "I am so happy with my scores, I feel so good. I hope I make the Olympic team, I want to go London to win the 10m Air Rifle Women final. That's the dream I have, and I can achieve it!"

Who could such defeat such a strongminded athlete? There are a number of contenders, first of all the title defender, 2008 Olympic Champion KATERINA EMMONS of the Czech Republic (maiden name: Kurkova). Emmons took some time off from shooting after the last Olympics, as she married American Olympic Champ Matt Emmons and later on gave birth to Julia, their daughter. But during the last season she made a comeback, recording one of the best personal scores of the last Olympic cycle of all the ISSF 10m Air Rifle Women in the "Super 25" list. With an equaled world record of 400 points out of 400, and an outstanding final of 105.9 points, she matched Yi Siling, and climbed back to the World Rankings Top 3. Facing the two top-ranked shooters, will be Croatia's 2008 Olympic Bronze medalist SNJEZANA PEJCIC, one of the most

TOP FAVORITE



CURRENT TOP WORLD RANKING

- YI Siling (CHN)
- PFEILSCHIFTER Sonja (GER)
- EMMONS Katerina (CZE)

CURRENT OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

Gold	EMMONS Katerina (CZE)	503.5 (400+103.5)
Silver	GALKINA Lioubov (RUS)	502.1 (399+103.1)
Bronze	PEJCIC Snjezana (CRO)	500.9 (399+101.9)

CURRENT OLYMPIC RECORD HOLDER

OR	EMMONS Katerina (CZE)	400	09.08.2008	OG Beijing (CHN)
FOR	EMMONS Katerina (CZE)	503.5 (400+103.5)	09.08.2008	OG Beijing (CHN)

CURRENT WORLD RECORD HOLDER

WR SEO Sun Hwa (KOR)	400	12.04.2002	WC Sydney (AUS)
FWR YI Siling (CHN)	505.6 (400+105.6)	01.08.2010	WCH Munich (GER)

consistent international shooters with 18 participations in international ISSF events during the last Olympic cycles and four podium placements. However, Italy's PETRA ZUBLASING, who finished in the spotlights more than once in the last Olympic cycle, could yet offer us a surprise. Or the USA's best 10m Air Rifle Women shooters, JAMIE LYNN GRAY (we mentioned her in the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Women preview) and SARAH SCHERER, a 21-year old first-time Olympian who ranks 9th in the world after winning last year's ISSF World Cup Stage in Changwon, Korea. Undoubtedly, the 10m Air Rifle Women event will be an open match, with a thrilling final and a new champion waiting to be discovered.

SATURDAY, 28.07.2012 AT 11:00 FINALS

THE SUPER 25

NAME (NOC)	WORLD RANK	PARTICIPATION	WCH-	WC-WCF 200	9-2012	MEDALS	BEST RES	ULTS
	(01.07.2012)	at OG	Starts	Finals	Wins	Total	Qualification	Final
YI Siling (CHN)	1		15	12	5	9	400	105.9
PFEILSCHIFTER Sonja (GER)	2	4	11	10	4	8	400	105.2
WU Liuxi (CHN)	43	2	7	7	2	4	400	104.8
PEJCIC Snjezana (CRO)	10	1	18	7	1	4	399	105.5
EMMONS Katerina (CZE)	3	2	11	4	2	3	400	105.9
YIN Wen (CHN)			5	3	2	3	399	104.6
XIE Jieqiong (CHN)	36		5	5	1	3	399	104.5
GAUSS Beate (GER)	20		10	6		3	400	103.3
TYKHOVA Darya (UKR)	55	1	10	6	1	2	399	104.0
GRAY Jamie Lynn (USA)	26	1	11	5		2	398	104.6
ZUBLASING Petra (ITA)	32		12	5		2	399	103.5
ARSOVIC Andrea (SRB)	4		14	4		2	399	104.5
SCHERER Sarah (USA)	9		9	3	1	1	398	104.5
MAGER Jessica (GER)	7		9	4		1	399	105.2
GALKINA Lioubov (RUS)	29	3	10	4		1	400	104.4
MAKSIMOVIC Ivana (SRB)	16		12	3		1	397	102.7
SYKOROVA Adela (CZE)	24	1	12	3		1	398	103.5
NAGAY Agnieszka (POL)	36	2	11	3		1	399	103.4
MOHD TAIBI Nur Suryani (MAS)	47		13	3		1	397	104.8
SHARIPOVA Dariya (UKR)	5	1	7	2		1	399	103.7
NARDELLI Elania (ITA)	34		8	2		1	398	103.0
LEE Da Hye (KOR)			4	2		1	398	103.2
UNGERANK Lisa (AUT)	8		4	1		1	397	103.3
AHMADI Elaheh (IRI)	33	1	11	1		1	399	103.7

10M AIR PISTOL MEN

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READY, STEADY, SHOOT

urrent 10m Air Pistol Men Olympic Champion, China's PANG WEI was unable to reach his best performance during the last Olympic cycle. The 26-year old shooter - who married to 10m Air Rifle Olympic Champ Du Li after the 2008 Games - finished on a couple of podiums in this event, and scored some good results in the 50m Pistol Men event. But he lost several spots in the world rankings, and in the ISSF NEWS Magazine's "Super 25 Chart" he ended up in 15th place. A number of talented shooters challenged him during the last four years, and his place at the top of the international rankings was taken by Korea's 50m Pistol Olympic Champion JIN JONG OH, who is competing in both events. Jin scored the highest qualification of the last cycle, with a personal best of 594 points, and one of the best finals, 103.4 points. In addition, he confirmed to be in great shape at the last ISSF World Cup Stage of the year, held in



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10M AIR PISTOL MEN

Munich at the end of May, when he won both the pistol men events. His young team-mate LEE DAEMYUNG, 24 years old, also finished under the spotlights by winning the Gold medal at the pre-Olympic ISSF World Cup on the lines of the RAB Final Hall in London last April. The two team-mates are currently going through a heavy preparation period to peak for the Games, where they will probably meet two other Asian champions, ready to challenge them. Japan's MATSUDA TOMOYUKI, the current World Champion, is one of the top-ranked shooters in this event. Although he is focusing on the 50m Pistol competition, he might earn a medal on the 10-meter distance as well, as he did four times during the last Olympic cycle.

China's TANG ZONGLIANG will also be part of the match. Returning to international shooting in 2011 after being absent for a couple of years, he climbed up the international ranking to the first place, becoming one of the favorites to win a medal in London. But European shooters will not just sit and watch others collecting medals. Russia's LEONID EKIMOV is third in our "Super25 Chart", after winning 3 ISSF events out of 8 participations in the last four years. Full of motivation, and with the right skills, Ekimov could make it. The 25-year old shooter has already acquired valuable Olympic

experience in Beijing, at the age of 21, when he made it to the final match and eventually finishing in fifth. His team-mate **VLADIMIR ISAKOV**, a 42-year old shooter who won Bronze in this event at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, is also ready to challenge the Asian experts, along with Serbian team-mates Andrija Zlatic and Damir Mikec, two expert pistol shooters who we introduced in the 50m Pistol article. They are all so close, that the fight for the podium promises to be breath-taking.

FAVORITE EKIMOV Leonid (RUS)

CURRENT TOP WORLD RANKING

TAN Zongliang (CHN) JIN Jong Oh (KOR)

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D RANKING CURRENT OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

Gold	PANG Wei (CHN)
Silver	JIN Jong Oh (KOR)
Bronze	TURNER Jason (USA)

688.2 (586+102.2) 684.5 (584+100.5) 682.0 (583+99.0)

CURRENT OLYMPIC RECORD HOLDER

OR	NESTRUEV Mikhail (RUS)	591	14.08.2004	OG Athens (GRE)
FOR	WANG Yifu (CHN)	690.0 (590+100.0)	14.08.2004	OG Athens (GRE)

CURRENT WORLD RECORD HOLDER

WR JIN Jong Oh (KOR)	594	12.04.2009	WC Changwon (KOR)
FWR PYZHIANOV Sergei (URS)	695.1 (593+102.1)	13.10.1989	WCF Munich (FRG)

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	(01.07.2012)	at OG	Starts	Finals	Wins	Total	Qualification	Final
JIN Jong Oh (KOR)	2	2	9	7	4	6	594	103.4
LEE Daemyung (KOR)	5	1	9	5	1	4	591	101.3
EKIMOV Leonid (RUS)	13	1	8	4	3	3	591	104.2
MATSUDA Tomoyuki (JPN)	16	1	15	4	2	3	586	103.4
DIKEC Yusuf (TUR)	3	1	9	6	1	3	586	101.7
ZLATIC Andrija (SRB)	18	1	14	5	1	3	590	102.9
ISAKOV Vladimir (RUS)	4	3	11	7		3	588	101.8
BADARACCHI Mauro (ITA)	33	1	12	5	2	2	587	103.3
MIKEC Damir (SRB)	23	1	16	6	1	2	586	101.4
TAN Zongliang (CHN)	1	4	6	3	1	2	591	103.2
SHI Xinglong (CHN)	107		8	3	1	2	584	101.9
ZHANG Tian (CHN)	8		11	6		2	590	100.9
OMELCHUK Oleg (UKR)	11	1	13	6		2	588	102.4
YUNUSMETOV Rashid (KAZ)	20	1	16	6		2	586	104.8
PANG Wei (CHN)	10	1	8	3		2	589	102.2
DAUHAPOLAU Yury (BLR)	35	1	11	3		2	585	102.6
MAI Jiajie (CHN)			3	2		2	585	102.9
SZARENSKI Daryl (USA)	43	3	10	3	1	1	585	103.2
GRUNDER Lukas (SUI)			6	2	1	1	588	103.1
CHERVYAKOVSKIY Sergey (RUS)	24		8	6		1	587	99.4
KOULAKOV Denis (RUS)	19		8	5		1	585	101.8
BEAMAN Brian (USA)	41	1	14	5		1	586	102.3
COSTA Joao (POR)	21	3	11	3		1	587	101.3
DUMOULIN Franck (FRA)	31	5	12	3		1	590	102.8
SINGH Omkar (IND)	50		15	3		1	584	100.8
KUSHNIROV Denys (UKR)	6		4	2		1	585	103.0
GONTCHAROV Vladimir (RUS)	12	1	5	2		1	590	103.9
KELES Ismail (TUR)	7		5	1		1	582	102.3
KUDRIYA Serhiy (UKR)	107	2	9	1		1	583	101.0

10M AIR PISTOL WOMEN

SUNDAY, 29.07.2012 AT 11:45 FINALS

THE OLYMPIC CHAMP WANTS HER TITLE BACK

he 2004 Olympic Champion OLENA KOSTEVYCH wants her title back, and makes no secret of it. The 27-year old champion from Ukraine won the Athens' Olympics eight years ago, and then lost that "magic touch" for the target. At the following Olympics, in 2008, she landed in place 31. But now things have changed, and she's returned to win. For the last two years, Kostevych has climbed back in the world ranking to the top by winning six ISSF World Cup medals between 2011 and 2012, and earning Gold at the last ISSF World Cup Final in Wrocław last year. Numbers do not lie: she participated in 13 ISSF events in the last Olympic cycle, making it to 11 finals, and then finished 8 times on the podium and won 4 matches. In the last four years, no one else has won as many.

The current Olympic Champ, China's GUO WENJUN, places in second in the ISSF NEWS Magazine's "Super 25 Chart", and that's because of her record five podiums and two victories during the last four years. But she hasn't been doing as well in the last season, and that's why the 28-year old shooter slid in the world ranking. In London, they will most certainly meet the current World Champion, Serbia's 26-year old ZORANA ARUNOVIC. The young sharpshooter won the last ISSF World Cup Stage of the year held in Munich, with about 5 points of advantage over her followers,

returning to the top of an ISSF podium after a one-year absence. "I have been saved by Munich!" The young Serbian winner declared right after the final. "I had some issues at the previous ISSF World Cup Stages in Milan and London, so this result helps me build up my self confidence on my way to the Olympic Games."

Arunovic, who is acknowledged to be one of the best up-and-coming pistol shooters in the world scene, will also compete in the 25m Pistol Women event, as she declared. "Air Pistol is my strong event. I am training in Sport

Pistol as well, but I think it takes more time to get at the top in the 25m Pistol Women event. But at the Olympic Games, I will be participating in both matches." And France's Olympic hope CELINE GOBERVILLE, ranked sixth in the world, will also be competing in both matches. She participated in 13 ISSF events throughout the last four years. And when she participates, there is always a good chance that she will enter the final (10 finals in the last Olympic cycle) and on then on the podium (three medals, one victory since 2009).

CURRENT TOP WORLD RANKING

- L KOSTEVYCH Olena (UKR)

 TIEN Chia Chen (TPE)
- ARUNOVIC Zorana (SRB)

CURRENT OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

Gold	GUO Wenjun (CHN)	492.3 (390+102.3
Silver	PADERINA Natalia (RUS)	489.1 (391+98.1)
Bronze	SALUKVADZE Nino (GEO)	487.4 (386+101.4)

CURRENT OLYMPIC RECORD HOLDER

OR PADERINA Natalia (RUS)	391	10.08.2008	OG Beijing (CHN)
FOR GUO Wenjun (CHN)	492.3 (390+102.3)	10.08.2008	OG Beijing (CHN)

CURRENT WORLD RECORD HOLDER

WR SMIRNOVA Svetlana (RUS)	393	23.05.1998	WC Munich (GER)
FWR REN Jie (CHN)	493.5 (390+103.5)	22.05.1999	WC Munich (GER)





SUNDAY, 29.07.2012 AT 11:45 FINALS

10M AIR PISTOL WOMEN

THE SUPER 25

NAME (NOC)	WORLD RANK	PARTICIPATION	WCH-	WC-WCF 2009	9-2012	MEDALS	BEST RES	ULTS
	(01.07.2012)	at OG	Starts	Finals	Wins	Total	Qualification	Final
KOSTEVYCH Olena (UKR)	1	2	13	11	4	8	392	101.8
GUO Wenjun (CHN)	13	1	11	6	2	5	392	102.4
YAUHLEUSKAYA Lalita (AUS)	5	4	19	10		4	388	101.8
ARUNOVIC Zorana (SRB)	3		14	6	2	3	389	101.8
HU Jun (CHN)			5	3	2	3	390	103.4
GOBERVILLE Celine (FRA)	6		13	10	1	3	389	101.5
CHAIKA Viktoria (BLR)	9	3	14	11		3	391	101.2
MARUSKOVA Lenka (CZE)	4	2	8	4		3	389	102.0
SALUKVADZE Nino (GEO)	21	6	13	6	1	2	391	103.7
MOZGALOVA Kira (RUS)	29		10	5	1	2	387	101.4
TONG Xin (CHN)			6	4	1	2	388	103.6
TIEN Chia Chen (TPE)	2		11	3	1	2	388	100.9
SUN Qi (CHN)	17		5	3	1	2	391	100.0
LEE Ho Lim (KOR)	57	1	9	4		2	388	101.3
BAIBUSSINOVA Zauresh (KAZ)	41	1	14	3	1	1	387	101.1
PARK Minjin (KOR)	120		6	3	1	1	385	102.2
TIRODE Stephanie (FRA)	37	1	11	2	1	1	389	100.8
SIDHU Heena (IND)	15		15	4		1	385	101.9
YASKEVICH Liubov (RUS)	19		10	4		1	385	102.7
ASPANDIYAROVA Dina (AUS)	28	2	12	4		1	389	100.2
BONEVA Antoaneta (BUL)	16		10	3		1	386	101.4
GROZDEVA Maria (BUL)	8	5	14	2		1	389	102.7
SUHONEN Mira (FIN)	22	1	11	2		1	389	100.8
SAGUN LEWANDOWSKA Miroslawa (POL)		3	7	2		1	389	102.3
PRUCKSAKORN Tanyaporn (THA)	7	1	7	1		1	387	99.4
SINGH Annu Raj (IND)	23		10	1		1	389	99.2
KIM Seon A (KOR)			2	1		1	384	99.9

SKEET WOMEN

SUNDAY, 29.07.2012 **AT 14:00 FINAL**

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR DRAMA, WATCH THIS

f you're looking for drama, well, the Skeet Women event is what you need. Fast. Thrilling. Unpredictable. We're at the Royal Artillery Barracks, in London, but let's look back at the last Olympic edition. In Beijing 2008, the three medalists - Italy's CHI-ARA CAINERO, the USA's KIMBERLY RHODE and Germany's CHRISTINE BRINKER - finished all tied. All with the same total score of 93 hits. After participating in three qualification series of 25 targets each, and a tough Olympic final, a shoot-off was needed to determine the podium placement. A suddendeath tiebreaker that can change the course of a four-year long Olympic preparation. Trainings, efforts, tears... if you miss you're out, and the title is lost. In Beijing, Chiara Cainero of Italy won the match, taking the gold back home. Rhode and Brinker landed in second and third. But they believe this could be their time to finish up there. Brinker is back and in great shape after taking some time off after

the last Olympics (she got married and had a baby with German skeet champion Tino Wenzel in 2010). On her own right, Rhode is simply the most successful female clay shooter of all times. And that's not just because of her 23 ISSF World Cup medals... She won two Olympic Gold medals and a Bronze in 1196, 2000 and 2004, shooting Double Trap. Then, when the Double Trap Women event was discontinued as an Olympic event, she turned to Skeet, winning Silver in Beijing. And, winning in London, she could make history as one of the most successful American female athletes. In these years she climbed the Skeet Women world ranking to first place, and just a couple of months ago she set the new Skeet Women World Record while shooting on her home turf at the ISSF World Cup in Tucson (Arizona). When she competes, she is statistically the best. Out of 17 events she attended

CURRENT OLYMPIC RECORD HOLDER

OR CAINERO Chiara (ITA)	72	14.08.2008	OG Beijing (CHN)
FOR CAINERO Chiara (ITA)	93 (72+21)	14.08.2008	OG Beijing (CHN)
FOR BRINKER Christine (GER)	93 (70+23)	14.08.2008	OG Beijing (CHN)
FOR RHODE Kimberly (USA)	93 (70+23)	14.08.2008	OG Beijing (CHN)

CURRENT WORLD RECORD HOLDER

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WR RHODE Kimberly (USA)	75	25.03.12	WC Tucson (USA)
FWR BARTEKOVA Danka (SVK)	99 (74+25)	09.07.2008	ECH Nicosia (CYP)

SKEET WOMEN

SUNDAY, 29.07.2012 AT 14:00 FINALS

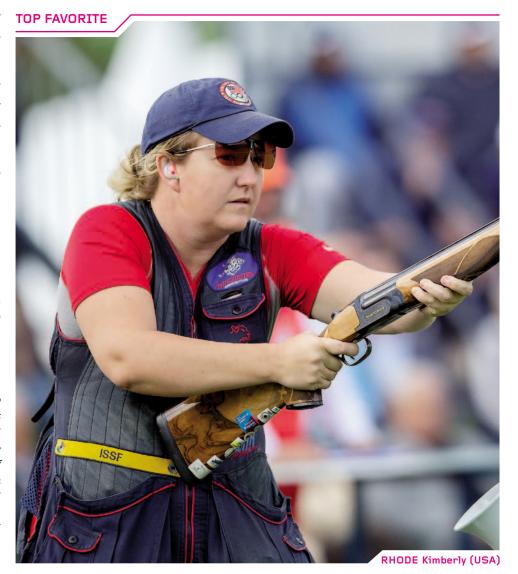
CURRENT TOP WORLD RANKING

- 1 RHODE Kimberly (USA)
- 2 BARTEKOVA Danka (SVK)
- 3 WEI Ning (CHN)

CURRENT OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

Gold	CAINERO Chiara (ITA)	93 (72+21)
Silver	RHODE Kimberly (USA)	93 (70+23)
Bronze	BRINKER Christine (GER)	93 (70+23)

in the last four years, she made it into 15 finals, finishing 12 times with a medal (6 times on the highest step of the podium). But the Games are the Games, there's no time to do the math during such a match. And there are a number of shooters ready to fight. Besides the title defender Cainero, Chinese star WEI NING, ranked third in the world, will do her best to earn a medal: she won the 2012 ISSF Pre-Olympic World Cup in London last April. And we should not forget to mention current Final World Record holder, Slovakia's DANKA BARTEKOVA, who finished in second at the pre-Olympic test. "When we first walked into the range we were worried that it wouldn't work. But the facilities are actually fine," Bartekova commented at the time. "The range is not one of the easiest. You kind of "loose" the targets on station 2 and 6, when the clays fly between the net and the sky," she added. And during the Games, to lose one target more than the others, just one of those little orange disks flying so fast and so far, will definitely mean to be out.



NAME (NOC)	WORLD RANK	PARTICIPATION	WCH-	WCH-WC-WCF 2009-2012			BEST RESULTS	
	(01.07.2012)	at OG	Starts	Finals	Wins	Total	Qualification	Final
RHODE Kimberly (USA)	1	4	17	15	6	12	75	25
WEI Ning (CHN)	3	2	15	11	3	8	74	25
WENZEL Christine (GER)	4	1	10	7	3	7	74	25
BARTEKOVA Danka (SVK)	2	1	18	14	2	7	74	25
SPADA Katiuscia (ITA)	23		15	6	1	5	73	24
DEMINA Svetlana (RUS)	31	5	13	7	1	3	73	25
CAINERO Chiara (ITA)	13	2	16	9	2	2	73	24
ZHANG Donglian (CHN)	7		8	3	1	2	72	24
JIEWCHALOEMMIT Sutiya (THA)	8	1	14	7		2	74	24
CONNOR Caitlin (USA)	19		9	7		2	72	25
ALLEN Elena (GBR)	18	1	17	4		2	74	25
DUNN Haley (USA)			8	3	1	1	73	24
ZHANG Shan (CHN)	10	2	7	2	1	1	73	25
CROVETTO CHADID Francisca (CHI)	5		7	2		1	72	22
BACOSI Diana (ITA)	6		6	2		1	72	22
YU Xiumin (CHN)	76		8	2		1	71	25
DROZD Brandy N (USA)	9		2	1		1	70	22
ANDREOU Panagiota (CYP)	22		6	1		1	70	24
GRINNELL Jaiden (USA)	37		7	1		1	72	24
SMOTEK Connie (USA)	76	2	2	1		1	72	25
ENGLISH Amber (USA)	76		8	1		1	72	24
SHI Hong Yan (CHN)			3	1		1	74	24



10M AIR RIFLE MEN

AN OPEN MATCH, JUST FOR CHAMPIONS

wo of the possible stars of the 10m Air Rifle Men event, China's ZHU QINAN and Italy's NICCOLO CAMPRIANI, stated that they are focusing on a different event. They are concentrated on the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men event, as they said. But, statistics tell a different story, as the two top-ranked shooters find themselves at the top of our "Super25 Chart". Zhu Qianan has already been going through it. At his first participation in the Olympics in 2004, he won the title. But then, in 2008, shooting before his home audience in Beijing, he "only" finished in second. A great disappointment for the Chinese champ, who declared: "I want to compete in the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men, now I feel ready to participate in the most difficult event in rifle shooting." And he did, becoming one of the best 3-positions shooters of the last cycle. But he did not forget how to shoot on a 10-meter line, as results can prove. Zhu participated in 15 ISSF events in the last four years, making it to 14 finals, and winning 6 of them (and finishing 10 times on the podium). Not bad, for someone who declared he was focusing on a different event. So, he will go to London, and compete in both events with a clear goal to achieve: "I want to win the Gold medal. If I participate, I want to be the champion, therefore I will do my best to finish in first place in London." Challenging him will be rising star of Olympic rifle shooting, Niccolo Campriani, current world rank leader who placed in second



CURRENT TOP WORLD RANKING

- CAMPRIANI Niccolo (ITA)
- 2 CHARHEIKA Illia (BLR)
- 3 WANG Tao (CHN)

CURRENT OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

Gold	BINDRA Abhinav (IND)	700.5 (596+104.5)
Silver	ZHU Qinan (CHN)	699.7 (597+102.7)
Bronze	HAKKINEN Henri (FIN)	699.4 (598+101.4)

NAME (NOC)	WORLD RANK	PARTICIPATION	WCH-	WCH-WC-WCF 2009-2012			BEST RESULTS	
	(01.07.2012)	at OG	Starts	Finals	Wins	Total	Qualification	Final
ZHU Qinan (CHN)	4	2	15	14	6	10	600	104.7
CAMPRIANI Niccolo (ITA)	1	1	12	10	4	8	599	104.2
SIDI Peter (HUN)	9	3	19	11	2	7	599	104.8
WANG Tao (CHN)	3		11	7	1	5	599	104.4
SOKOLOV Denis (RUS)	23		11	6	2	3	600	104.5
PIASECKI Pierre Edmond (FRA)	5		15	4	2	3	598	103.8
RICHTER Sergey (ISR)	6		16	8	1	3	599	104.6
NARANG Gagan (IND)	14	2	14	8		3	600	104.1
CAO Yifei (CHN)		1	6	5	1	2	596	104.9
HAKKINEN Henri (FIN)	39	1	16	5		2	599	103.6
CHARHEIKA Illia (BLR)	2		6	2		2	598	105.2
KNOEGLER Mario (AUT)		3	10	4		1	598	104.1
BUBNOVICH Vitali (BLR)	8	2	13	3		1	597	104.7
GONCI Jozef (SVK)	15	4	9	3		1	599	105.2
KRUGLOV Serguei (RUS)	17	1	7	3		1	599	103.9
RAJPUT Sanjeev (IND)		1	10	3		1	595	103.9
KULISH Serhiy (UKR)	6		4	2		1	597	104.5
AIVAZIAN Artur (UKR)	36	3	12	2		1	598	104.2
HAMAN Vaclav (CZE)	48	1	14	2		1	596	104.3
GAO Ting Jie (CHN)			2	2		1	598	102.7

MONDAY, 30.07.2012 AT 12:15 FINALS

CURRENT OLYMPIC RECORD HOLDER

OR ZHU Qinan (CHN)	599	16.08.2004	OG Athens (GRE)
FOR ZHU Qinan (CHN)	702.7 (599+103.7)	16.08.2004	OG Athens (GRE)

CURRENT WORLD RECORD HOLDER

WR MAJCHACHEEP Tavarit (THA)	600	27.01.2000	ASC Langkawi (MAS)
FWR ZHU Qinan (CHN)	703.8 (600+103.8)	22.09.2011	WCF Wroclaw (POL)

in our "Super 25 Chart". Campriani does not have Zhu's experience, but he has been constantly growing in the last Olympic cycle. In 2010, the Italian shooter became the first athlete to qualify for the 2012 London Olympics by winning the 10m Air Rifle Men event at the ISSF World Championship in Munich. And from

there on he kept on winning, participating in 12 ISSF events, making it to 10 finals and finishing 8 times on the podium, twice with a Gold medal around his neck. The current Olympic Champion, India's first Olympic Gold medalist ABHINAV BINDRA, did not have his best performance at the last Olympic cycle, when he

took off some time from shooting to follow the projects of his foundation. But he made it to the Games, and he is still one of the top Air Rifle shooters of the world, along with his team-mate Gagan Narang, an Indian World Record holder who won 3 ISSF medals in the last cycle. Number one in ISSF Magazine's "Super 25 Chart", Hungary's Rifle champion PETER SIDI, with 19 participations, 11 finals and 7 medals, will be one of the toughest competitors in London. There, looking for his first Olympic medal, he will meet a number of new, young shooters, ready to steal the show. Among them, Russia's **DENIS SOKOLOV, France's PIERRE EDMOND** PIASECKI and Israel's SERGEY RICHTER. Many names, all aiming for the same, golden goal: it will be a crowded, exciting and unpredictable event.

SKEET MEN

TUESDAY, 31.07.2012 AT 14:00 FINALS

A TOUGH RANGE, FOR A TOUGH MATCH

he Skeet Men event promises to be, as always, an open match with very close results. All of the top competitors shot perfect matches more than once, and competitions often had to be decided through shoot-offs during the last Olympic cycle. However, statistics place some names in the spotlights: GEORGIOS ACHILLEOS of Cyprus, TORE BROVOLD of Norway, and VINCE HANCOK of the USA are among the favorites, as in 2008. But they are not alone, with older glories like the Ukraine's 2000 Olympic Champion MIKOLA MILCHEV, or younger champions like Greece's World Record holder EFTHIMIOS MITAS, ready to challenge them.

Georgios Achilleos is currently ranked in third in the world, but is at the top of ISSF NEWS Magazine's "Super25 Chart", considering his recent results. The Cypriot athlete competed in 16 ISSF events within the last four years, making it to 12 finals, and finished on the podium 10 times (with 4 victories). Numbers are on his side, with a personal best of 124 hits in qualifications and 25 in finals recorded in the last cycle. But the 32-year

old sharpshooter also started the 2008 Olympic Games as one of the favorites, missing, however, the podium during the final. Since then, he changed his coach and started working with the 2004 Italian Olympic Champion Andrea Benelli, spending hours on technique

CURRENT TOP WORLD RANKING

1 BROVOLD Tore (NOR)
2 SHOMIN Valeriy (RUS)
3 ACHILLEOS Georgios (CYP)

and materials. Achilleos is Cyprus' biggest Olympic hope, and returning to London – where he was born in 1980 – he will certainly try to win that medal he has been looking for since 2004. Waiting for him at the final range, the current World Rank leader, Norwegian

CURRENT OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

Gold	HANCOCK Vincent (USA)	145 (121+24)
Silver	BROVOLD Tore (NOR)	145 (120+25)
Bronze	TERRAS Anthony (FRA)	144 (120+24)

CURRENT OLYMPIC RECORD HOLDER

OR	HANCOCK Vincent (USA)	121	16.08.2008	OG Beijing (CHN)
FOR	HANCOCK Vincent (USA)	145 (121+24)	16.08.2008	OG Beijing (CHN)
FOR	BROVOLD Tore (NOR)	145 (120+25)	16.08.2008	OG Beijing (CHN)

CURRENT WORLD RECORD HOLDER

٨R	HANCOCK Vincent (USA)	125	14.06.2007	WC Lonato (ITA)
-WR	HANCOCK Vincent (USA)	150 (125+25)	14.06.2007	WC Lonato (ITA)

SKEET MEN

TUESDAY, 31.07.2012 AT 14:00 FINALS

flag-bearer Tore Brovold, is ready to take the challenge. The 2008 Olympic Silver medalist is 10 years older than Achilleos (he was born in 1970), but that could turn into an advantage on the Royal Artillery Barracks Shooting Field, where experience will be a winning card. Brovold, a two-time European Champion holding the World Record, has been shooting at outstanding levels in the last Olympic cycle, making it to 15 finals, earning 7 medals and winning two matches. And his last three ISSF podiums, the 2011 World Championships and World Cup Final Silver medals, as well as a third place at the 2012 pre-Olympic test event in London, placed him on the top of the favorites list.

But Achilleos and Brovold will have to keep an eye on the current Olympic Champion, the USA's Vincent Hancock. The 23year old athlete is still the youngest and the fastest, even though, during the last 4 years, he has been unable to match the top results he scored during the previous Olympic cycle. The young World Record holder (he was the first to score 150 out 150 targets record in 2007), participated in 14 ISSF competitions since 2009, finishing three times on the podium, winning one match, and qualifying for the 2012 Games by winning the 2011 Pan Am Games. During the current season, he competed at the pre-Olympic World Cup in London, placing in fourth right behind the



medalists after losing a shot-off to Brovold. But the American shooter declared his confidence: "I can shoot better than this. London can be a tough range with that tricky background, but I know I can make it next July." And his impressions were confirmed by Sweden's Stefan Nilsson, the 22-year old winner

of the pre-Olympic World Cup last April. "It's a difficult range for Skeet. There's a green net on the background, you can see through it and sometimes it's not easy to spot the targets against it." A tough range? That can only mean there's going to be a tough fight for the medals.

NAME (NOC)	WORLD RANK	PARTICIPATION	WCH-	WC-WCF 2009	9-2012	MEDALS	BEST RESI	ULTS
	(01.07.2012)	at OG	Starts	Finals	Wins	Total	Qualification	Final
ACHILLEOS Georgios (CYP)	3	3	16	12	4	10	124	25
BROVOLD Tore (NOR)	1	1	21	15	2	7	125	25
MILCHEV Mikola (UKR)	4	3	17	6	1	6	125	25
SHOMIN Valeriy (RUS)	2	2	15	10	1	5	124	25
FALCO Ennio (ITA)	18	4	15	4	1	4	124	25
HANCOCK Vincent (USA)	13	1	14	7	1	3	125	25
MITAS Efthimios (GRE)	5		15	5	1	3	125	25
SYCHRA Jan (CZE)	49	3	11	4	2	2	125	25
TERRAS Anthony (FRA)	8	2	17	3	2	2	125	25
GOLDING Anders (DEN)	22	1	15	5	1	2	124	25
ARAMBURU Juan Jose (ESP)	7	1	15	2	1	2	125	25
MAVROMMATIS Nikolaos (GRE)	24		15	4		2	124	25
HANSEN Jesper (DEN)	9		12	3		2	123	24
ANDREOU Antonakis (CYP)	38	2	14	3	1	1	125	25
ALMAKTOUM Saeed (UAE)	10	3	14	2	1	1	123	25
NILSSON Stefan (SWE)	6		10	1	1	1	123	25
MCGRATH Jon (USA)	37		7	1	1	1	124	25
LODDE Luigi (ITA)	14		8	4		1	123	24
LUCHINI Valerio (ITA)	16		12	3		1	124	25
VALDEZ ROMERO Carlos Alberto (MEX)	12		16	2		1	124	24
UNDSETH Ole Eilif (NOR)	23		14	2		1	123	24
ALRASHIDI Abdullah (KUW)	11	4	19	1		1	124	25
ALMUTAIRI Zaid (KUW)	32	1	14	1		1	123	25
MCLELLAND Randal (USA)	53	1	7	1		1	124	25
MERILUOTO Heikki (FIN)	54		12	1		1	122	25
KEMPPAINEN Marko (FIN)	112	1	8	1		1	122	24

25M PISTOL WOMEN

WEDNESDAY, 01.08.2012 AT 15:30 FINALS

WILL CHEN CONFIRM HER TITLE?

he Olympic Champion is back, and wants that Gold again. This could be the summary of the 25m Pistol Women event, which is going to take place on the $1^{\rm st}$ of August in London. The current Olympic Champion, China's CHEN YING, took some time off from shooting after winning the title in her homeland, Beijing, in 2008. She did not compete in 2009 and 2010, as she had a baby and dedicated some time to her family. But 2011 was the year of her great comeback: winning a Gold medal at the ISSF World Cup in Fort Benning with an equaled World Record and finishing in third at the ISSF World Cup Final in Wroclaw, she climbed back up the world ranking. She's not shy and you can tell from her statements: "I want to win at the London Olympics. I have been away for a while, but I can still shoot well, and I will compete for the most valuable medal," she said last year.

This year she won the World Cup in Munich, probably the toughest event, claiming again to be ready for the Games. But other champions have had time to grow while she was away. Czech Olympic medalist LENKA MARUSKOVA leads the World Ranking and ISSF NEWS Magazine's "Super 25 Chart" after competing in 13 ISSF events, making it to 11 finals, finishing on 7 podiums and winning 1 event. She is simply the best, statistic-wise,

CURRENT TOP WORLD RANKING

MARUSKOVA Lenka (CZE) GOBERVILLE Celine (FRA)

CHEN Ying (CHN)

CURRENT OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

Gold	CHEN Ying (CHN)	793.4 (585+208.4)
Silver	OTRYAD Gundegmaa (MGL)	792.2 (590+202.2)
Bronze	DORJSUREN Munkhbayar (GER)	789.2 (587+202.2)

CURRENT OLYMPIC RECORD HOLDER

OR	TAO Luna (CHN)	590	22.09.2000	OG Sydney (AUS)
FOR	CHEN Ying (CHN)	793.4 (585+208.4)	13.08.2008	OG Beijing (CHN)

CURRENT WORLD RECORD HOLDER

WR IORGOVA Diana (BUL)	594	31.05.1994	WC Milan (ITA)
FWR KIM Jang Mi (KOR)	796.9 (592+204.9)	22.04.12	WC London (GBR)

while Chen has still the best personal score, with 593 points scored in qualifications and 208.4 points scored in finals. Behind them, Georgian shooter NINO SALUKVADZE, at her seventh participation since 1988, is ready to challenge them after winning two ISSF events in the last Olympic cycle. The 2008 Olympic Silver medalist, Germany's MUNKHBAYAR DORJSUREN, has also being shooting well during the last period, with 4 podiums and 2 victories out of 15 participations in ISSF events since 2009. So, no surprises? Well,

somebody's ready to turn the tables of the match, and she's not even 20-year old. Korea's KIM JANG MI, the current Youth Olympic Games champion, is ready to step up and to take the Gold in the 25m Pistol Women event. At the pre-Olympic World Cup in London last April, she showed what it means to be full of fresh energy. Winning Gold with more than 5 points of advantage over her followers, she set a new Final World Record of 796.9 points, and sent out a clear message: "see you at the Olympic Games!"

NAME (NOC)	WORLD RANK	PARTICIPATION	WCH-	WC-WCF 200	9-2012	MEDALS	BEST RESI	JLTS
	(01.07.2012)	at OG	Starts	Finals	Wins	Total	Qualification	Final
MARUSKOVA Lenka (CZE)	1	2	13	11	1	7	588	207.2
CHEN Ying (CHN)	3	2	9	7	3	5	593	208.4
YUAN Jing (CHN)	19		12	7	2	5	588	207.5
SALUKVADZE Nino (GEO)	6	6	15	10	2	4	593	205.8
DORJSUREN Munkhbayar (GER)	7	5	15	9	2	4	590	204.5
GOBERVILLE Celine (FRA)	2		12	8		4	588	206.6
GROZDEVA Maria (BUL)	15	5	16	7	2	3	591	207.0
YAUHLEUSKAYA Lalita (AUS)	29	4	18	5		3	589	205.7
KOSTEVYCH Olena (UKR)	4	2	11	7	2	2	589	206.5
SEKARIC Jasna (SRB)	9	6	17	9	1	2	593	205.7
MOZGALOVA Kira (RUS)	15		10	3	1	2	584	205.7
ZHAO Xu (CHN)			4	2	1	2	582	207.6
BONEVA Antoaneta (BUL)	8		10	7		2	587	204.2
WU Yan (CHN)			4	3	1	1	586	204.5
KIM Jang Mi (KOR)	5		2	1	1	1	592	204.9
OTRYAD Gundegmaa (MGL)	11	4	12	4		1	592	206.1
TSOGBADRAH Munkzul (MGL)	21	1	13	4		1	586	206.2
CHAIKA Viktoria (BLR)	14	3	13	3		1	585	202.1
MASTYANINA Anna (RUS)	26		8	3		1	583	203.9
SARNOBAT Rahi (IND)	17		11	2		1	582	207.7
ARUNOVIC Zorana (SRB)	20		14	2		1	588	200.8
DRISHLYUK Yuliya (KAZ)	40	2	12	2		1	589	199.9
ZHANG Jingjing (CHN)	107		6	2		1	586	207.1
THURMANN Stefanie (GER)	93	1	7	1		1	582	205.2
BOO Soon Hee (KOR)		3	1	1		1	589	204.0



DOUBLE TRAP MEN

TWO TARGETS, TWO SHOTS, ONE WINNER

fter winning the 2008 title, the current Olympic Champion, the USA's WALTON GLENN ELLER, participated in 12 official ISSF events, finishing on the podium only once and failing to earn an Olympic Quota place. He made it at the last second, winning a spot in the 2012 US Olympic team at the internal selection matches. But this time the spotlights will be on his team-mate, JOSHUA RICHMOND, a 27-year old former ISSF World Champion currently ranked first in the world. Richmond is the favorite, and he has series of positive results which have placed him on the list of the most successful Double Trap shooters of this Olympic cycle. Participating in 15 ISSF events (ISSF World Cup, World Cup Finals and World Championships), he made it to 12 finals, earning 8 medals and winning 4 events. Impressive numbers, along with his outstanding best personals: 146 qualification hits out of 150 targets, and 50 out of 50 targets in final rounds. The young champion did not compete in the pre-Olympic test World Cup in London last April, as in those days his second son was about to be born. But just a couple of weeks later, competing in the last ISSF World Cup Stage of the year in Lonato, Italy, he won the match with a great 49 in the final. "I want to dedicate this medal to my newborn son Beaux. I didn't go to London, I have not seen the range, but this could turn into an advantage and I feel confident regarding the Games. I am shooting well, and I am consistent," Richmond said.

The names of his toughest competitors are well-known. The World Record holder, India's RONJAN SODHI, has been one of the strongest Double Trap shooters of the last Olympic cycle, with 19 participations in the ISSF World Cup, World Cup Finals and World Championships, 6 podiums and 3 victories, including the 2010 and 2011 ISSF World Cup Finals in Izmir and Al Ain. The 33-year old Indian made it to the Games, internally beating the 2004 Olympic Silver medalist Rathore, and now wants at least a spot on the podium. "I am will do my best in London, nothing less!" he exclaimed. Russia will not miss the Double Trap appointment, with the 38-year old champion VITALY **FOKEEV** qualified for the Games and ready to battle his titled competitors. The 2006 World Champion, who participated in the 2004 and 2008 Olympic Games without making it to the final stage, is ranked third nowadays. Often in the final rounds of ISSF official events



CURRENT TOP WORLD RANKING

1	RICHMOND Joshua (USA)
2	WILSON Peter Robert Russell (GBR

₹) 3 FOKEEV Vitaly (RUS)

CURRENT OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

Gold	ELLER Walton (USA)	190 (145+45)
Silver	D'ANIELLO Francesco (ITA)	187 (141+46)
Bronze	HU Binyuan (CHN)	184 (138+46)

CURRENT OLYMPIC RECORD HOLDER

OR	ELLER Walton (USA)	145	12.08.2008	OG Beijing (CHN)
FOR	ELLER Walton (USA)	190 (145+45)	12.08.2008	OG Beijing (CHN)

CURRENT WORLD RECORD HOLDER

WR	FOKEEV Vitaly (RUS)	148	03.03.2011	WC Concepcion (CHI)
FWR	WILSON Peter Robert Russell (GBR)	198 (148+50)	28.03.12	WC Tucson (USA)

throughout the last four years, he won the 2011 ISSF World Cup Stage in Concepción, Chile, by setting a new World Record of 148 hits out of 150 targets, showing us what he's capable of. But it won't be that easy in London: there he will face China's HU BINYUAN - 2008 Olympic Bronze - and consistent Italian shooter FRANCESCO D'ANIELLO, 2008 Olympic Silver, both ranked at the top of our "Super 25 Chart." No space left for surprises? Well, home shooter PETER WILSON, the UK's biggest Olympic hope in shooting, is the man

who could turn the tables of this final. Ranked third in the world, the shooter from Dorset won this year's ISSF World Cup Stage in Tucson (USA) with 198 hits, setting a new Final World Record. A thrilling result which places Wilson's name in the list of the athletes to follow in London.

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THE SUPER 25

NAME (NOC)	WORLD RANK	PARTICIPATION	WCH-	WC-WCF 200	9-2012	MEDALS	BEST RESU	JLTS
	(01.07.2012)	at OG	Starts	Finals	Wins	Total	Qualification	Final
RICHMOND Joshua (USA)	1		15	12	4	8	146	50
SODHI Ronjan (IND)	10		19	8	3	6	147	50
FOKEEV Vitaly (RUS)	3	2	17	8	1	6	148	50
HU Binyuan (CHN)	15	2	14	6	1	5	147	49
MO Junjie (CHN)	68		15	5	3	4	146	49
D ANIELLO Francesco (ITA)	6	1	14	7	2	4	146	48
HOLGUIN Jeffrey (USA)	39	1	15	7		4	144	50
WILSON Peter Robert Russell (GBR)	2		10	5	2	3	148	50
AL-ATHBA Rashid (QAT)	21	1	14	4		3	145	46
CHETCUTI William (MLT)	4	2	13	4	1	2	147	47
PAN Qiang (CHN)	83		13	3	1	2	147	48
LI Jun (CHN)	8		2	2	1	2	146	48
FAULDS Richard (GBR)	19	4	10	2	1	2	147	48
DAHLBY Hakan (SWE)	13	2	19	9		2	146	49
MOSIN Vasily (RUS)	14	2	15	5		2	147	48
LEYBO Mikhail (RUS)	5		12	1	1	1	143	49
ELLER Walton (USA)	7	3	12	4		1	147	49
ALDEEHANI Fehaid (KUW)	12	4	13	4		1	146	47
MARK Russell (AUS)	27	5	16	4		1	145	48
WANG Nan (CHN)	28	1	9	3		1	144	48
LOEW Andreas (GER)	9		12	2		1	146	48
DI SPIGNO Daniele (ITA)	11	3	16	2		1	147	49
GEREBICS Roland (HUN)	36	2	13	2		1	144	49

50M RIFLE PRONE MEN

FRIDAY, 03.08.2012 AT 12:00 FINALS

TO BE THE BEST, IT'S JUST NORMAL

orld Records? Gold medals? 10.9s? Everything is just "normal", to him. There's no way to interview and to get a smile out of **SERGEI MARTYNOV**, the world's best 50m Rifle Prone Shooter. It's not a matter of him being in a bad mood: the Belarusian athlete is just the most dedicated, concentrated and consistent sportsman you can possibly meet out there on the shooting lines. And you can tell from his results. Ranking first in the world for years and with many points of advantage over the others, the 44-year old prone shooter is simply the best in the world. Competing in the Olympic Games since 1988, he finished twice in third, in 2000 and 2004, while he only closed in eighth during the last Olympics in Beijing. This year, it could be his last chance to finish at the of the highest step of the Olympic podium and to earn the only title missing from his impressive medal collection (2 ISSF World Championships, 6 World Cup Finals, 17 World Cups Gold medals). The numbers are on his side. Throughout the last



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50M RIFLE PRONE MEN

Olympic cycle, between 2009 and 2012, Martynov participated in 12 ISSF events (World Cup Series and World Championship), and, well... he made it to 12 finals, winning 10 medals, including 7 Gold. His best results of the cycle are also quite impressive: he scored the current World Record of 600 points several times, and shot 105.6 points in his best final. But even when he scores such results, you can hear him commenting: "It's normal. I can shoot better than this..." And – the bad news for his opponents is – he is probably right: he can shoot better, and he is willing to confirm it in London next July.

But Martynov won't be alone at the Royal Artillery Barracks. He might be one of the best ISSF World Cup competitors, but the Games are a different story, as history has taught us. While the current Olympic Champ, the Ukraine's ARTUR AIVAZIAN did not shoot at his best during the last period, Martynov should keep an eye on Australian star Warren Potent, the 2008 Olympic Bronze medalist who's looking forward to finding a spot on the podium in London. Potent won 4 ISSF World Cup Stages in the last Olympic cycle, and shot one of the best finals recorded - 105.8 points - as well as the 600-point world record. Only two American shooters have been doing better then him, MICHAEL MCPHAIL - ranked third in our "Super25 Chart" - and the 2004 Olympic Champion and 2008 Olympic Silver

medalist MATTHEW EMMONS, who scored an outstanding final of 106.4 points in this Olympic cycle. Emmons will be at the Games, but he will not compete in this event, as he did not make the US team for this competition. Attending instead of him will be, ERIC UPTAGRAFFT, who placed in sixth at the pre-Olympic test event in London last April. Next to the topranked champions, he could meet some other tough opponents, such as the aforementioned Campriani, or the second Italian Olympian MARCO DE NICOLO, a prone shooting expert ranked third in the world, who won four ISSF medals in the last Olympic cycle.



CURRENT TOP WORLD RANKING

- 1 MARTYNOV Sergei (BLR)
- 2 WANG Weiyi (CHN)
- 3 DE NICOLO Marco (ITA)

CURRENT OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

Gold	AIVAZIAN Artur (UKR)	702.7 (599+103.7)
Silver	EMMONS Matthew (USA)	701.7 (597+104.7)
Bronze	POTENT Warren (AUS)	700.5 (595+105.5)

CURRENT OLYMPIC RECORD HOLDER

WR BOTCHKAREV Viatcheslav (URS)	600	13.07.1989	ECH Zagreb (YUG)
FWR KLEES Christian (GER)	704.8 (600+104.8)	25.07.1996	OG Atlanta (USA)

CURRENT WORLD RECORD HOLDER

OR KLEES Christian (GER)	600	25.07.1996	OG Atlanta (USA)
FOR KLEES Christian (GER)	704.8 (600+104.8)	25.07.1996	OG Atlanta (USA)

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	(01.07.2012)	at OG	Starts	Finals	Wins	Total	Qualification	Final	
MARTYNOV Sergei (BLR)	1	5	12	12	7	10	600	105.6	
POTENT Warren (AUS)	18	3	18	8	4	5	600	105.8	
MCPHAIL Michael (USA)	5		14	8	1	5	599	106.1	
UPTAGRAFFT Eric (USA)	6	1	14	11		5	600	105.8	
JUNGHAENEL Henri (GER)	34		11	5	1	4	598	105.6	
BERG Vebjoern (NOR)	49	1	9	4	1	3	599	105.7	
DE NICOLO Marco (ITA)	3	3	11	4		3	599	105.1	
EMMONS Matthew (USA)	36	2	10	4		3	600	105.7	
WANG Weiyi (CHN)	2		7	4	2	2	599	106.4	
STARIK Guy (ISR)	11	4	15	4	1	2	600	105.3	
HENRY Josselin (FRA)	37	1	14	4		2	598	104.7	
GRAFF Cyril (FRA)	4		7	3		2	598	104.2	
HEIN Joseph (USA)			6	2	1	1	598	104.2	
CAMPRIANI Niccolo (ITA)	66	1	8	1	1	1	599	104.2	
SAUVEPLANE Valerian (FRA)	8	1	15	6		1	600	104.8	
PLANER Christian (AUT)	13	2	13	5		1	599	104.4	
BAKKEN Ole Magnus (NOR)	24		9	4		1	598	103.0	
MIROSAVLJEV Nemanja (SRB)	15	4	15	3		1	598	104.4	
BRODMEIER Daniel (GER)	16		7	2		1	599	102.2	
NIELSEN Kenneth (DEN)	27		12	2		1	598	103.4	
KARMAKAR Joydeep (IND)	41		14	2		1	599	103.4	
GRIMMEL Torben (DEN)	7	3	13	1		1	598	104.4	
RABALSKI Sebastian (POL)	25		2	1		1	596	103.4	

25M RAPID FIRE PISTOL MEN

FRIDAY, 03.08.2012 AT 14:30 FINALS

NEW FORMAT, EPIC DUELS

or the first time in the Olympic Games, the 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men final will be held using the new "hit-or-miss" direct elimination competition format which was introduced after the 2010 ISSF World Championship and tested throughout these years at the ISSF World Cup Series. The six finalists will shoot all together at the same time (versus the previous system, where three shooters competed in two relays). Electronic targets will be set to record hit or miss scores. and finalists will be eliminated one after the other right up until the Gold medal duel. The introduction of the new system did not change the competition dynamics dramatically: the top-ranked athletes adjusted to it quickly and maintained their leadership.

Young 2008 Olympic Bronze medalist CHRISTIAN REITZ ranks first in the ISSF NEWS Magazine's "Super 25 Chart" as a result of his great results in the last Olympic cycle. The policeman from Raunheim participated in the 16 ISSF events in these four years, finishing 9 times on the podium, and almost always making it to the final rounds. This year, he set the new Final World Record of 34 hits along with the current World Champion, Russia's ALEXEI KLIMOV, currently ranked first in the world in this event. The two of them have been meeting at almost every ISSF World Cup Stage in the last years, often finishing on the podium together. They have the same personal best (591 qualification points, and 34 hits in the final), and won a comparable number of events (4 Gold medal Reitz, 5 Gold medal Klimov), and everybody is expecting them to duel on the lines of the Royal Artillery Barracks Final Hall.

There, the USA's KEITH SANDERSON could be among the protagonists. Statistics are on his side: he wins a medal every three competitions, on average. The American shooter, who finished on the podium at the ISSF World Cup Finals last year, has participated in 16 ISSF events since 2009, winning five medals, including a Gold. But somebody could ruin their dreams of victory. The king of the 25m Rapid Fire event, Germany's RALF SCHUMANN, a three-time Olympic Champion and five-time Olympic medalist, won't give up just like that. The champion from Stockheim has participated in seven editions of the Olympic Games since 1988, and even if it apparently took him longer to adapt to the new system, he is now back on track, peak-



CURRENT TOP WORLD RANKING

1 KLIMOV Alexei (RUS) 2 REITZ Christian (GER)

3 ZHANG Jian (CHN)

CURRENT OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

Gold	PETRIV Oleksandr (UKR)	780.2 (580+200.2)
Silver	SCHUMANN Ralf (GER)	779.5 (579+200.5)
Bronze	REITZ Christian (GER)	779.3 (579+200.3)

CURRENT OLYMPIC RECORD HOLDER

OR SANDERSON Keith (USA)	583	16.08.2008	OG Beijing (CHN)
FOR New Finals Format		03.08.2012	OG London (GBR)

CURRENT WORLD RECORD HOLDER

WR KLIMOV Alexei (RUS)	591	06.10.2006	WCF Granada (ESP)
FWR KLIMOV Alexei (RUS)	34	19.05.2012	WC Milan (ITA)
FWR REITZ Christian (GER)	34	19.05.2012	WC Milan (ITA)

ing right in time for the Games. Ranked sixth in the world, with three medals won in the last cycle, Schumann has a personal best of 590 points, and 31 hits in the final. Enough to finish on the podium and write his name in the book Olympic history once more. Ready to challenge them are three Chinese shoot-

ers ranked at thetop of our "Super 25 Chart": **ZHANG JIAN, DING FENG** and **LI YUEHONG**.

The Chinese team has not announced their Olympic team yet, but anyone of them could make it, as they all won medals at ISSF events in the last cycle.



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25M RAPID FIRE PISTOL MEN

THE SUPER 25

NAME (NOC)	WORLD RANK	PARTICIPATION	WCH-	WC-WCF 2009	9-2012	MEDALS	BEST RESI	BEST RESULTS	
	(01.07.2012)	at OG	Starts	Finals	Wins	Total	Qualification	Final	
REITZ Christian (GER)	2	1	16	13	4	9	591	34	
KLIMOV Alexei (RUS)	1	1	12	10	5	6	591	34	
SANDERSON Keith (USA)	17	1	16	7	1	5	589	28	
ZHANG Jian (CHN)	3		16	9		5	588	26	
DING Feng (CHN)	4		10	6	1	4	589	30	
LI Yuehong (CHN)	35		6	4	2	3	585	30	
AKIYAMA Teruyoshi (JPN)	5		11	5	1	3	584	34	
SCHUMANN Ralf (GER)	6	6	11	4		3	590	31	
PODHRASKY Martin (CZE)	31	1	12	2	2	2	583	33	
EKIMOV Leonid (RUS)	13	1	10	5	1	2	585	31	
LLAMES Jorge (ESP)	14		15	4		2	588	22	
KUMAR Vijay (IND)	15		18	3		2	584	29	
MAZZETTI Riccardo (ITA)	23		13	2		2	583	28	
MAGMET Taras (UKR)	58		8	2	1	1	584		
DAUMAL Fabrice (FRA)	24		13	1	1	1	582		
STRNAD Martin (CZE)	10	1	14	6		1	589	21	
MILEV Emil (USA)	7	4	9	3		1	585	25	
KIM Daeyoong (KOR)	8		5	2		1	585	25	
FIALA Josef (CZE)	22		9	2		1	583	10	
STUKACHEV Ivan (RUS)	29		7	1		1	583		
KALIOUJNYI Viatcheslav (RUS)	38		3	1		1	588	31	
ZHANG Penghui (CHN)		2	3	1		1	586		

50M RIFLE 3 POSITIONS WOMEN

SATURDAY, 04.08.2012 AT 12:45 FINALS

THRILLING MATCH AHEAD

re you ready for the most thrilling Women's final? The 50m Rifle 3 Positions event has never been so open for years. Two German team-mates, the veteran SONJA PFEILSCHIFTER and the younger Olympic hope BARBARA ENGLEDER (maiden name Lechner) have a duel at the top of the world ranking, and they will most certainly meet in London.

Pfeilschifter, 41-years old, has the experience of a four-time World Champion and six-time World Cup Final winner. But she also has the bad experience of being a long-standing champion who has never won an Olympic medal. Competing in the Games since Barcelona 1992, her best placement was a fourth place in Sydney 2000. In Beijing, she did not even make it into the final. And, just as in 2008, she is approaching the Olympics with a series of good results (11 starts, 8 finals, 7 medals, 3 victories in the last 4 years), as well as a lot of pressure. "She's supposed to win, and that's a difficult situation. Sonja knows that the spot-

lights will be on her during the Games and that could stress her out, like it happened in 2008..." a commentator said. On the other hand, Barbara Engleder is ready to take off. The 30-year old shooter is the current World Champion and won last year's World Cup Finals. In 2012, she won the pre-Olympic ISSF World Cup held at the Royal Artillery Barracks venue in London last April, showing confidence while competing in the impressive arena. "This is a beautiful venue, it's a great facility. Of course it has been cold

and windy these days, which is not nice. But that turned into an advantage for me, as I am good when it comes to shooting in the wind," Barbara said on that occasion, wearing the Gold. But the two German teammates will not be alone out there.

The USA's **JAMIE LYNN GRAY** (maiden name: Beyerle) finished under the spotlights more than once, and with a personal best of 593 points and a best final of 101.5 in the last Olympic cycle she places in second in ISSF NEWS Magazine's "Super 25 Chart".

CURRENT OLYMPIC RECORD HOLDER

OR MAUER Renata (POL)	589	24.07.1996	OG Atlanta (USA)
FOR DU Li (CHN)	690.3 (589+101.3)	14.08.2008	OG Beijing (CHN)

CURRENT WORLD RECORD HOLDER

WR PFEILSCHIFTER Sonja (GER)	594	28.05.2006	WC Munich (GER)
FWR PFEILSCHIFTER Sonja (GER)	698.0 (594+104.0)	28.05.2006	WC Munich (GER)

50M RIFLE 3 POSITIONS WOMEN

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The current Olympic Champion of China, DU LI, is also ready to take any chance to step on the podium. Even though she did not win any official ISSF competition in this event in the last four years, she has made it to 5 final matches, finishing on the podium four times, which proves she is one of the best 3 positions shooters of the world. Exactly like the 2008's Olympic Silver medalist KATERINA EMMONS, who recently climbed back to the top of the world ranking and could be the surprise of these Games.

CURRENT TOP WORLD RANKING

- 1 ENGLEDER Barbara (GER)
- 2 PFEILSCHIFTER Sonja (GER)
- 3 DU Li (CHN)

CURRENT OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

Gold	DU Li (CHN)	690.3 (589+101.3)
Silver	EMMONS Katerina (CZE)	687.7 (586+101.7)
Bronze	CRUZ Eglis Yaima (CUB)	687.6 (588+99.6)

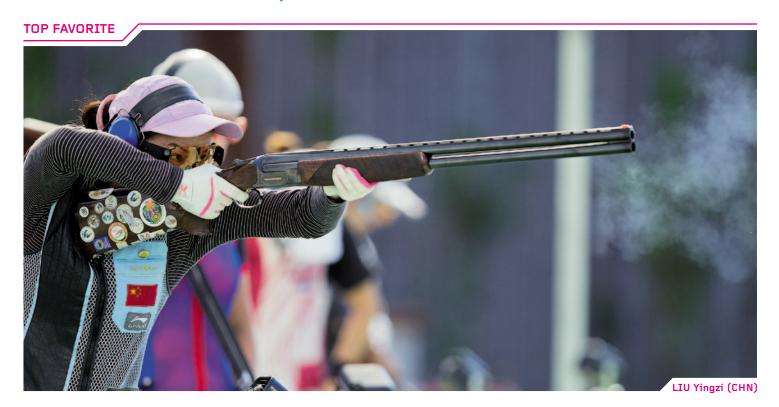


NAME (NOC)	WORLD RANK	PARTICIPATION	WCH-	WC-WCF 200	9-2012	MEDALS	BEST RESULTS	
	(01.07.2012)	at OG	Starts	Finals	Wins	Total	Qualification	Final
PFEILSCHIFTER Sonja (GER)	2	4	11	8	3	7	594	104.0
GRAY Jamie Lynn (USA)	12	1	15	12	4	6	593	101.5
ENGLEDER Barbara (GER)	1	2	11	8	3	4	592	100.5
WAN Xiangyan (CHN)	37		9	7		4	592	102.7
DU Li (CHN)	3	2	7	5		4	594	102.7
WU Liuxi (CHN)	106	2	4	3	2	3	588	102.1
LI Peijing (CHN)	8		8	4	1	3	588	101.1
MIHAJLOVIC Lidija (SRB)		2	10	3	1	3	590	103.0
YIN Wen (CHN)			4	4	2	2	592	103.1
FRIEDEL Eva (GER)	9		9	6		2	589	101.7
PEJCIC Snjezana (CRO)	32	1	16	5		2	591	99.8
WANG Chengyi (CHN)	80	1	4	2		2	585	101.8
GALKINA Lioubov (RUS)	10	3	11	6	1	1	589	103.3
DOVGUN Olga (KAZ)	27	3	8	3	1	1	591	100.4
KARMACSI Ildiko (HUN)	4		6	1	1	1	591	99.3
MARGUET Annik (SUI)	24	1	14	4		1	590	99.4
YI Siling (CHN)	6		5	3		1	587	99.9
NIELSEN Stine (DEN)	34		6	3		1	587	100.5
SOWASH Amy (USA)	43		9	3		1	586	98.9
SAWANT Tejaswini (IND)	111		11	2		1	588	97.0
ZHENG Feng (CHN)	111		3	2		1	583	100.3
EMMONS Katerina (CZE)	5	2	3	1		1	586	102.0
OBERMOSER Stephanie (AUT)	7		11	1		1	583	102.1
EVESQUE Emilie (FRA)	41		13	1		1	587	96.5
AHMADI Elaheh (IRI)	94	1	11	1		1	584	99.4
DONG Lijie (CHN)			1	1		1	583	100.6
XIONG Meili (CHN)			2	1		1	577	98.8



TRAP WOMEN

CLASSIC SHOOTING, TRUE EMOTIONS



ho likes the classics? The Trap event is an icon within the shooting sport. In the final, you get a random target, and you only have one shot to hit it. Hit or miss. And you can't miss at the Olympics if you want to reach the top. The World Ranking and ISSF NEWS Magazine's "Super 25 Chart" are slightly different here. It depends on the time frame we take into consideration to rank the shooters, and on the weight that we assign to the different values. But if you take the Top 5 you can't miss: these girls will play a decisive role at the 2012 Olympics. China's LIU YINGZI is our Super 25 Top Ranked Trap female shooter. She competed in 17 ISSF events in the last Olympic cycle and made it to eight finals. And every time she entered the medal match, she made it to the podium, winning 8 medals, including 5 Gold. Her personal best in the last cycle are 74 hits out of 75 targets in qualifications, and 24 hits out of 25 targets in finals. Let's say she's not the girl you want to face in an Olympic final. That will be the task for a champion, a champion like Italy's JESSICA ROSSI. The 20-year old shooter from Crevalcore, near Bologna, is said to be one of the favorites in the race for the London podium. She won the 2009 ISSF World Championship, finishing in the spotlights at the age of 17, and since then she has entered 9 final matches, winning 8 medals (including 3 Gold).

CURRENT TOP WORLD RANKING

- 1 GALVEZ Fatima (ESP)
- 2 TKACH Elena (RUS)
- 3 STEFECEKOVA Zuzana (SVK)

CURRENT OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

Gold	MAKELA-NUMMELA Satu (FIN)	91 (70+21)
Silver	STEFECEKOVA Zuzana (SVK)	89 (70+19)
3ronze	COGDELL Corey (USA)	86 (69+17)

CURRENT OLYMPIC RECORD HOLDER

OR GUDZINEVICIUTE Daina (LTU)	71	18.09.2000	OG Sydney (AUS)
FOR MAKELA-NUMMELA Satu (FIN)	91 (70+21)	11.08.2008	OG Beijing (CHN)

CURRENT WORLD RECORD HOLDER

WR	CHUYKO Victoria (UKR)	74	13.06.1998	ECH Nicosia (CYP)
FWR	STEFECEKOVA Zuzana (SVK)	96 (74+22)	04.04.2006	WC Qingyuan (CHN)

The 2008 Olympic Gold, Silver and Bronze medalists are also looking for glory. Finland's SATU MAKELA-NUMMELA, the reigning Olympic Champion, has not been having her best performances in the last Olympic cycle. Out of 16 participations in ISSF events, she finished on the podium three times, and has not won a competition since the 2008 Games. But she's strong-minded: she proved it in Beijing, and she is willing to confirm it in London as well. On the other hand, Slovakia's ZUZANA STEFECEKOVA, Silver medalist in Beijing, and the USA's COREY COGDELL, Bronce in Beijing, have been two of the most consistent Trap Women shooters

of the last four years, as you can appreciate in the table. They are young and well trained, but they will most certainly have to face 24-year old Spanish shooting star FÁTIMA GÁLVEZ. She's number 1 in the World Ranking in this event after winning the European Championship last year and three medals at this year's ISSF World Cup Series. She was the earned Gold at the pre-Olympic test event at the Royal Artillery Barracks, the Olympic venue. Winning such a tight match in front of former Olympic Champions and of a number of older and titled shooters gave her the confidence to state that the Olympic Gold is definitely on her sights.

SATURDAY, 04.08.2012 AT 15:00 FINALS

THE SUPER 25

NAME (NOC)	WORLD RANK	PARTICIPATION	WCH-WC-WCF 2009-2012			MEDALS	BEST RESULTS	
	(01.07.2012)	at OG	Starts	Finals	Wins	Total	Qualification	Final
LIU Yingzi (CHN)	6	1	17	8	5	8	74	24
ROSSI Jessica (ITA)	9		13	9	3	8	72	23
STEFECEKOVA Zuzana (SVK)	3	1	18	14	1	6	74	23
GALVEZ Fatima (ESP)	1		14	5	1	4	72	23
TKACH Elena (RUS)	2	1	9	5		4	73	23
PERILLI Alessandra (SMR)	7		16	6	2	3	72	22
HEIDEN Rachael Lynn (USA)	39		6	3	1	3	73	23
MAKELA-NUMMELA Satu (FIN)	8	1	16	5		3	74	23
DEL DIN Daniela (SMR)		1	12	2	2	2	73	22
COGDELL Corey (USA)	5	1	14	3	1	2	72	24
LARICHEVA Irina (RUS)	27	2	13	2	1	2	73	24
KIERMAYER Susanne (GER)		4	7	4		2	72	24
LU Xingyu (CHN)			7	4		2	72	19
WU Cuicui (CHN)	30		8	3		2	69	19
VOLKOVA Maria (RUS)	50		12	3		2	70	19
YANG Huan (CHN)	36		7	2	1	1	72	20
BURTON Abbey (GBR)	4		8	1	1	1	70	21
GUDZINEVICIUTE Daina (LTU)	33	4	10	1	1	1	71	22
GAO E (CHN)	42	4	7	1	1	1	73	22
GELISIO Deborah (ITA)	19	3	12	3		1	73	23
LIN Yi Chun (TPE)	25	2	10	3		1	71	21
QUOOSS Katrin (GER)	19		8	2		1	74	22
BROWNING Kayle (USA)	10		2	1		1	69	17
TOMAR Seema (IND)	37		19	1		1	70	18
SUZU Keiko (JPN)			4	1		1	71	21

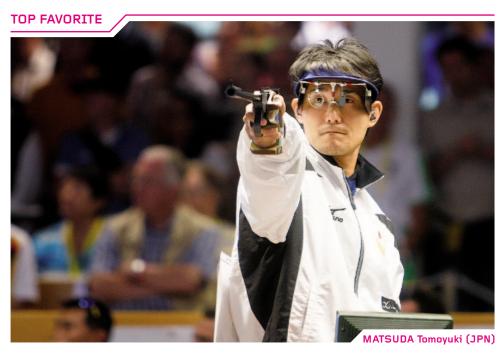
50M PISTOL MEN

SUNDAY, 05.08.2012 AT 12:30 FINALS

READY FOR A THUNDERSTORM

he weather forecast for Sunday the 5th of August, the day of the 50m Pistol Men Final, predicts an Asian storm with a good chance of Russian lightings and Serbian thunder. It won't be an easy match, indeed. Featured are two top-ranked Asian athletes placed at the top of ISSF NEWS Magazine's "Super 25 Chart": Japanese hero MATSUDA TOMOYUKI, and Korean sharpshooter JIN JONG OH, so close in results, so strong in finals.

Probably one of the most strong-minded shooters out there, Matsuda finished under the highlights dedicating his medals to Japan after surviving the Tsunami. The policeman participated in 15 ISSF events in the last four years, making it into 10 final matches, and winning 4 Gold medals, including the pre-Olympic test event in London. "It's good that I came to shoot here in London and that I finished in first. Now I know how it feels and looks like, and I am prepared for the Olympics,"



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50M PISTOL MEN

Matsuda said at the London Prepares ISSF World Cup in London, last April. "The lights are really strong, and I was kind of blinded while aiming during the final match – the Japanese champion added, explaining how he lost a few points during the medal match – we're shooting under the spotlights, here in London. I will have to wear a cap with longer sun cover, and then I will be ready for the Olympics!"

But there he will meet the current Olympic Champion, Korea's star shooter Jin Jong Oh, who did not miss the chance to display his skills at the last ISSF World Cup event of the year, in Munich, where he won the match climbing up from his original eighth place during the final match. Jin is focused and the team is working on his preparation. "I cannot talk to the press - he said, as early as two months ago - we are preparing for the Games, and we're building up our concentration." In the last four years, the consistent shooter has participated in 10 ISSF events, winning 5 medals, displaying a great talent for peaking at the right time. With a personal best in the cycle of 575 points, and of 101.3 points in finals, he stands over his competitors in terms of results, but he won't be the only topranked competitor in London. Russian experts VLADIMIR ISAKOV, the 2008 Olympic Bronze

CURRENT TOP WORLD RANKING

- 1 MIKEC Damir (SRB)
- 2 MATSUDA Tomoyuki (JPN)
- JIN Jong Oh (KOR)

CURRENT OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

Gold	JIN Jong Oh (KOR)	660.4 (563+97.4)
Silver	TAN Zongliang (CHN)	659.5 (565+94.5)
Bronze	ISAKOV Vladimir (RUS)	658.9 (563+95.9)

CURRENT OLYMPIC RECORD HOLDER

OR MELENTIEV Alexsander (URS)	581	20.07.1980	OG Moscow (URS)
FOR KOKOREV Boris (RUS)	666.4 (570+96.4)	23.07.1996	OG Atlanta (USA)

CURRENT WORLD RECORD HOLDER

WR	MELENTIEV Alexsander (URS)	581	20.07.1980	OG Moscow (URS)
FWR	DEMAREST William (USA)	676.2 (577+99.2)	04.06.2000	WC Milan (ITA)

medalist of Beijing currently ranked 5th in the world, and his younger team-mate LEO-NID EKIMOV, 6th in the world, are ready to do their part in the Games. They will have to fight for a spot on the podium against Serbian team-mates DAMIR MICKEC and ANDRIJA ZLATIC, who finished on the podium more than once in the last Olympic cycle. It will be the perfect storm: champions lightning, .22lr pellets hailing, and medals flickering.



NAME (NOC)	WORLD RANK	PARTICIPATION	WCH-	WC-WCF 200	C-WCF 2009-2012		BEST RESULTS	
	(01.07.2012)	at OG	Starts	Finals	Wins	Total	Qualification	Final
MATSUDA Tomoyuki (JPN)	2	1	15	10	4	6	572	99.5
JIN Jong Oh (KOR)	3	2	10	7	4	5	575	101.3
ISAKOV Vladimir (RUS)	5	3	10	5		5	572	98.9
SZARENSKI Daryl (USA)	13	3	12	7	2	4	571	98.1
EKIMOV Leonid (RUS)	6	1	10	7	1	4	573	98.7
MIKEC Damir (SRB)	1	1	17	10	1	3	574	97.1
YUNUSMETOV Rashid (KAZ)	63	1	17	6	1	3	568	101.0
ZLATIC Andrija (SRB)	12	1	14	5	1	3	568	99.9
KOPP Pavol (SVK)	14	1	15	7		3	571	96.7
OMELCHUK Oleg (UKR)	19	1	11	4	1	2	573	100.7
BRUNO Francesco (ITA)	34	2	11	3	1	2	568	98.9
ZHANG Tian (CHN)	4		9	8		2	568	98.2
GIORDANO Giuseppe (ITA)	7		10	4		2	567	97.6
LEE Daemyung (KOR)	37	1	7	4		2	567	98.2
GONTCHAROV Vladimir (RUS)	55	1	9	4	1	1	571	100.1
SHI Xinglong (CHN)			5	4	1	1	571	96.8
LIN Zhongzai (CHN)		1	3	1	1	1	571	100.2
COSTA Joao (POR)	40	3	12	5		1	572	100.2
WU Xiao (CHN)	41		5	3		1	569	94.3
KUDRIYA Serhiy (UKR)	71	2	10	3		1	573	99.6
USTAOGLU Abdullah (GER)	89	1	8	2		1	565	96.4
NESTRUEV Mikhail (RUS)		3	3	2		1	573	99.5
PANG Wei (CHN)	31	1	11	1		1	571	95.9
PODLESNYY Vyacheslav (KAZ)	44		7	1		1	568	94.1
WU Jing (CHN)	91		6	1		1	561	98.4

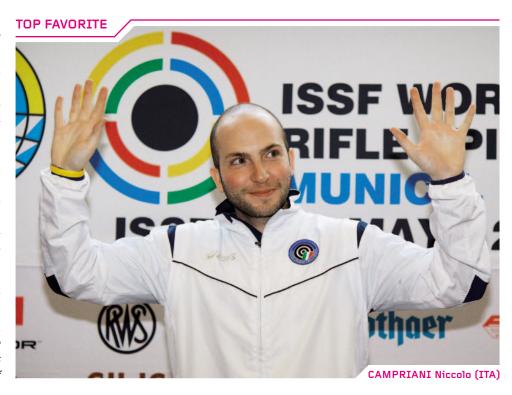
50M RIFLE 3 POSITIONS MEN

MONDAY, 06.08.2012 AT 13:45 FINALS

ITALY'S OLYMPIC HOPE

or the first time in recent Olympic history an Italian shooter will start off the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men event as the favorite. NICCOLÒ "NICCO" CAMPRIANI. a 25-year old athlete from Florence, ranks first in ISSF Magazine's "Super 25 Chart". And it shouldn't be any different: the young Italian leads the world ranking after his great successes during the last Olympic cycle. Campriani - who left Italy to study and train at West Virginia University, in the USA, has participated in the 13 World Cups, World Cup Finals and World Championship events since 2009, making it to 11 finals. And when Nicco competes in a medal match, he most certainly makes it to the podium, as numbers can confirm. Out of eleven 50m Rifle 3 Positions finals, Campriani won 8 medals, earning two Gold. His best qualification result (1180 points) and his best final (101.1 points) speak for themselves. "One point can change the entire history of an Olympic cycle. At the last Olympic Games, one point dropped me out of the final, far from any medal chance," Campriani said. "This time I know what is all about. This is my second Olympics, and I have been working a lot next to great champions, so I feel prepared to face the challenge. But at the same time I don't want to think about it," the young Italian champion said, talking to the press 60 days before Games. "I want to get to London as relaxed as possible. This is just a game, and my life goes beyond this. Right after the Olympics, I will start a Master's Degree in Sports Engineering at the University in the UK," said Campriani.

Hisfriendand "sparringpartner", American Olympic multi-medalist MATTHEW EMMONS, will be the man to beat in London. They know each other very well after training and competing together both in USA and internationally, and they will be meeting again on the lines of the Royal Artillery Barracks shooting venues next July. Emmons currently ranks 7th in the world in this event, but he has already participated in two Olympics, and has gone through victories and frustrations, thus accumulating a vast amount of experience. Results are also on his side, with a personal best of 1184 points and a best final of 102.6 points in the last Olympic cycle between World Cups, World Cup Finals and World Championships. Following the two protagonists, a number of skilled shooters are looking forward to the London Games, and to a



CURRENT TOP WORLD RANKING

CAMPRIANI Niccolo (ITA) MIROSAVLJEV Nemanja (SRB) PARKER Jason (USA)

CURRENT OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

Gold	QIU Jian (CHN)	1272.5 (1173+99.5)
Silver	SUKHORUKOV Yuriy (UKR)	1272.4 (1174+98.4)
Bronze	DEBEVEC Rajmond (SLO)	1271.7 (1176+95.7)

CURRENT OLYMPIC RECORD HOLDER

OR	DEBEVEC Rajmond (SLO)	1177	23.09.2000	OG Sydney (AUS)
FOR	DEBEVEC Rajmond (SLO)	1275.1 (1177+98.1)	23.09.2000	OG Sydney (AUS)

CURRENT WORLD RECORD HOLDER

WR DEBEVEC Rajmond (SLO)	1186	29.08.1992	WCF Munich (GER)
FWR DEBEVEC Rajmond (SLO)	1287.9 (1186+101.9)	29.08.1992	WCF Munich (GER)

spot in the final. Among them, Korean ace HAN JINSEOP, who entered 9 finals and finished 4 times on the podium between 2009 and 2012. Serbian master NEMANJA MIROSAVLJEV, second in the World Rank, considered one of the best outdoor shooters of the world, will also be part of the match. As well as the USA's JASON PARKER, currently ranked third in world, who won the match at this year's ISSF World Cup in Milan, or China's 10m Air Rifle Olympic Champ ZHU QINAN, who declared to be focused on the 50m events this time. And while looking forward to the

50m Rifle 3 Positions events we should not forget to mention the longest standing rifle shooter: Slovenia's **RAJMOND DEBEVEC**, an eight-time Olympian who started his series of successes in 1984, winning and earning medals right up until the 2008 Beijing Games, when he obtained the Bronze. Many contenders are lined up in this event, but only three spots will be available at London's podium. We can only wait and see if the winning card will be the experience of older shooters, or the motivation of younger athletes.



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50M RIFLE 3 POSITIONS MEN

THE SUPER 25

NAME (NOC)	WORLD RANK	PARTICIPATION WCH-WC		WC-WCF 200	VC-WCF 2009-2012		BEST RESULTS	
	(01.07.2012)	at OG	Starts	Finals	Wins	Total	Qualification	Final
CAMPRIANI Niccolo (ITA)	1	1	13	11	2	8	1180	101.1
EMMONS Matthew (USA)	7	2	11	8	4	7	1184	102.6
HAN Jinseop (KOR)	15	1	11	9		4	1180	100.0
MIROSAVLJEV Nemanja (SRB)	2	4	15	7		4	1184	100.5
SIDI Peter (HUN)	10	3	18	9	1	3	1178	102.7
BRYHN Ole Kristian (NOR)	4		13	5	1	3	1181	99.1
KNOEGLER Mario (AUT)	41	3	13	4		3	1178	100.4
HE Zhaohui (CHN)			4	3	2	2	1182	103.8
ZHU Qinan (CHN)	38	2	7	3	2	2	1181	101.3
BAKKEN Ole Magnus (NOR)	8		11	8	1	2	1180	97.7
KHADJIBEKOV Artem (RUS)	13	4	10	4	1	2	1184	101.2
PARKER Jason (USA)	3	3	10	3	1	2	1184	101.6
BEYELER Simon (SUI)	5	1	14	1		2	1180	98.7
RAJPUT Sanjeev (IND)	36	1	17	5	1	1	1179	102.2
JUSTUS Julian (GER)	31		10	3	1	1	1173	99.5
LAN Xing (CHN)	33		6	2	1	1	1177	100.8
NARANG Gagan (IND)	39	2	13	2	1	1	1171	99.9
KAMENSKI Alexei (RUS)			7	3		1	1172	97.2
BRODMEIER Daniel (GER)	14		10	3		1	1178	96.1
DEBEVEC Rajmond (SLO)	22	7	14	3		1	1186	103.6
KULISH Serhiy (UKR)	6		4	1		1	1172	99.2
CHARHEIKA Illia (BLR)	9		5	1		1	1174	100.0
RIZOV Anton (BUL)	42		12	1		1	1181	98.3
PLETIKOSIC Stevan (SRB)	43	5	15	1		1	1177	101.1
ZHANG Fu (CHN)	95		3	1		1	1170	100.7
JOHANSON Anders (SWE)	100		7	1		1	1172	96.5

TRAP MEN

MONDAY, 06.08.2012 AT 16:00 FINALS

TRAP IS AN EXPERT'S PLAYGROUND

he Czech Republic's DAVID KOSTELECKY, Italy's GIOVANNI PELLIELO and Russia's **ALEXEY ALIPOV** finished on the Trap Men podium at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. And we might meet them again in London. Four years have passed and their placements in the world ranking have slightly changed, but they are still on top. Alexey Alipov now ranks in first place, after finishing seven times on the podium at official ISSF events within the last four years. With a personal best of 124 hits out 125 targets in qualifications, and 25 out of 25 in finals during the last Olympic cycle, the 37year old champion from Moscow promises to be one of the strongest Olympic competitors this time. Competing at the Games since Sydney 2000, he won the 2004 Olympics in Athens, and then finished in third in Beijing. "Now I want to return in first place. If I compete, I do it for the brightest medal," the Russian champion said. Then adding, "Of course I was happy to win a bronze in Beijing. Everybody is shooting well, and it's always difficult to finish on the podium. The level is really high."

Giovanni "Johnny" Pellielo will be there, ready to challenge him right to the last target, as he has always done. The 42-year old Italian athlete has participated in six Olympic Games since 1992, winning two Silver and one Bronze medals. This could be his last chance – even if he says he is ready to continue - and the 7-time ISSF World Cup Final winner has proved to be ready. The 2012 ISSF World Cup in London, an official pre-Olympic event which took place at the RAB range last April, turned into an important test for these shooters. Alipov finished in second, with a total score of 141 hits. Pel-

lielo followed him, finishing in third with 140 hits and the Bronze, while Kostelecky did not even make the final, ending up in 24th place. World Champion Massimo Fabbrizi, second member of the Italian Trap team finished under the spotlights by scoring 143 targets, thus finishing in first with two targets of advantage over Alipov, and setting his aims for the Olympics. "I am preparing myself in the best possible way with my coach. I have been working hard and now it's paying off. Since 2010, I have always ended on top during the last seasons. I really hope that this time will be my

CURRENT OLYMPIC RECORD HOLDER

OR	DIAMOND Michael (AUS)	124	21.07.1996	OG Atlanta (USA)
FOR	KOSTELECKY David (CZE)	146 (121+25)	10.08.2008	OG Beijing (CHN)

CURRENT WORLD RECORD HOLDER

WR PELLIELO Giovanni (ITA)	125	01.04.1994 V	VC Nicosia (CYP)
FWR BINDRICH Karsten (GER)	149 (124+25)	10.07.2008 E	CH Nicosia (CYP)

TRAP MEN

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CURRENT TOP WORLD RANKING

- 1 ALIPOV Alexey (RUS)
- 2 FABBRIZI Massimo (ITA)
- 3 VIGANO Rodolfo (ITA)

CURRENT OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

Gold	KOSTELECKY David (CZE)	146 (121+25)
Silver	PELLIELO Giovanni (ITA)	143 (120+23)
Bronze	ALIPOV Alexey (RUS)	142 (121+21)

time to shine at the Games," said the 35-year old Italian shooter from Monteprandone. He started shooting back in 1990, and won two ISSF World Championships in 2005 and 2011, but was never given the chance to compete at the Olympics "This time I won a Quota Place, and if will earn the trust of my coach, I want to go to London and do my best performance." At the lines, ready for the match to start, we shouldn't forget about Australian sharpshooter MICHAEL DIAMOND, a two-time Olympic Champion who turned 40 this year. The hero of Atlanta 1996 and Sydney 2000 continues shooting at the highest levels, with 17 participations in ISSF events, 9 finals and 2 victories in the last four years, and he will be one of the men to follow at the London Games.



NAME (NOC)	WORLD RANK	PARTICIPATION	WCH-WC-WCF 2009-2012			MEDALS	BEST RESULTS	
	(01.07.2012)	at OG	Starts	Finals	Wins	Total	Qualification	Final
ALIPOV Alexey (RUS)	1	3	15	10	1	7	124	25
FABBRIZI Massimo (ITA)	2		11	8	3	6	125	24
HADDEN Ryan (USA)	5		10	5	3	4	123	25
TUZUN Oguzhan (TUR)	4	2	12	4	3	4	123	24
DIAMOND Michael (AUS)	11	5	17	9	2	4	124	25
VIGANO Rodolfo (ITA)	3	1	6	6		4	122	23
PELLIELO Giovanni (ITA)	9	5	11	7	1	3	125	25
SERRANO Jesus (ESP)	12	1	17	6	1	3	124	22
KOSTELECKY David (CZE)	9	3	19	9		3	125	25
FERNANDEZ Alberto (ESP)	15	1	17	7	2	2	124	24
SANDHU Manavjit Singh (IND)	53	2	17	3	1	2	123	23
VELLA Adam (AUS)	39	1	15	2	1	2	123	23
CLAMENS Stephane (FRA)	6	3	12	2		2	122	23
KOVACOCY Marian (SVK)	62		11	3	1	1	122	24
DE FILIPPIS Mauro (ITA)	46		9	2	1	1	121	24
CERNOGORAZ Giovanni (CRO)	22		12	1	1	1	121	24
GURKIN Pavel (RUS)	13	1	11	2		1	125	23
HEADING Aaron (GBR)	20		12	2		1	122	22
PINERO Sergio (DOM)	23	1	11	2		1	122	22
GLASNOVIC Josip (CRO)	37	1	10	2		1	123	22
LIPTAK Jiri (CZE)	52		14	2		1	123	23
GLASNOVIC Anton (CRO)	100		10	2		1	123	22
ALMUDHAF Khaled (KUW)	108	2	12	2		1	124	25
FRASCA Erminio (ITA)	7	1	9	1		1	122	24
GACH Jiri (CZE)	45	2	13	1		1	123	23
RUETTGEROTH Stefan (GER)	55	1	12	1		1	123	23
RESCA Daniele (ITA)	70		6	1		1	123	22
GAO Bo (CHN)			5	1		1	123	22
MULLINS John (USA)			6	1		1	122	22
YU Xiaokai (CHN)			3	1		1	122	21