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**Japan's Matsuda, Serbia's Arsovic and Italy's Filippelli**  
**in the spotlight on Day 3 in New Delhi**

New Delhi (IND), 26 October 2017 - The third competition day at the Dr. Karni Shooting Range was distinguished by some excellent performances, as 43-year-old Japanese Pistol shooter Matsuda Tomoyuki and 37-year-old Italian shooter Riccardo Filippelli earned themselves their first career ISSF crystal globe, while Serbian Rifle shooter Andrea Arsovic (30) won his second one in a row.

**10m Air Pistol Men**

Experienced Japanese Pistol shooter Tomoyuki Matsuda raised his first ISSF World Cup Final trophy in New Delhi (IND), where he ruled the 10m Air Pistol Men final and added another Gold to the one he won in the very same range a few month ago during the ISSF World Cup Stage 1.

Matsuda, a former ISSF World Champion in this event, shot two remarkable series midway through the final, adding a 10.5-10.9 combination in the 6th series to the 10.5-10.7 he scored in the previous one. There, he definitely claimed and strengthened his lead, finishing with 241.8 points and finally claiming the ISSF crystal globe.

With his score, Matsuda also set a new World Record, besting the one set by Germany's Christian Reitz at the 2017 European Championship in Maribor (SLO).

Alongside him on the second step of the podium placed Ukrainian sensation Pavlo Korostylov, competing in his second World Cup Final at the age of 19 years old. Despite a remarkable second half of the match, Korostylov was not able to match Matsuda's pace, finishing with 241.1 points and the Silver medal around his neck. The young Ukrainian shooter also equaled the Junior World Record in this event.

His more experienced teammate Oleh Omelchuk (34) completed the 10m Air Pistol Men podium, taking Bronze medal with 218.8 points and adding it to the World Cup Final Gold he won in Bangkok (THA) in 2008 and to the Bronze he won in Munich (GER) in 2013.

The two Serbian shooters who qualified for the final placed just outside of the medal positions, as World Cup Final title defender Damir Mikec (33) took 4th place with 197.9 points, while 33-year-old Dimitrije Grgic sealed his first World Cup Final start with a 5th place and 177.4 points scored.

The first athlete to be eliminated from the match was People's Republic of China's 21-year-old Xu Zhanyi, who took 8th position with 113.8 points in his World Cup Final debut. He was followed by two other first-time participants in this competition: his teammate Yang Wei (32), 7th with 135.6 points, and Vietnam's 43-year-old Tran Quoc Cuong, who closed his final after shot number 16 and finished in 6th place with 155.7 points.

### **10m Air Rifle Women**

Absolutely dominant. There's no other way to describe Andrea Arsovic's performance in the women's 10m Air Rifle final at the ISSF World Cup Final in New Delhi (IND).

The Serbian 30-year-old led the match since the very first series, when she scored 52.7 points, took the top position and never looked back, nailing an unbelievable series of 23 consecutive shots inside the 10th ring, and only missing it with the last one.

Despite placing 8th at the end of the first 5-shot series, 24-year-old Romanian shooter Laura-Georgeta Coman climbed back up to the 2nd place, where she finished with 249.7 points and collected the first World Cup Final medal of her career.

Alongside Arsovic and Coman, the podium was completed by People's Republic of China's 20-year-old Peng Xinyi, who secured the Bronze medal in her first World Cup Final participation. Peng final score was 228.5 points, while her teammate Shi Mengyao (19) finished with 186.0, failing to add another achievement to the World Cup Gold and Silver she won this year.

Just outside of the podium, Norway's Malin Westerheim (23) sealed her debut in this competition with 207.4 points, taking 4th place.

After surviving a shoot-off against Singapore's Jasmine Ser Xiang Wei, Sadeghian Armina of the Islamic Republic of Iran finished in 6th place, after losing another tie-breaking shoot-off against Westerheim. In her first World Cup Final participation and competing as the youngest participant of the final, 15-year-old Armina scored 165.3 points, while 27-year-old Ser took 7th place with 144.3.

The current leader of the world ranking and Rio 2016 Olympic Champion, 20-year-old Virginia Thrasher of the United States of America, finished in 8th position and scored 122.4 points.

### **Skeet Men**

Day 2 of the ISSF World Cup Final at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range in New Delhi (IND) close with an outstanding duel to decide the winner of the men's Skeet trophy.

At the end of the match, it was Italy's Riccardo Filippelli who raised the trophy, as he prevailed over Great Britain's 23-year-old Ben Llewellyn at the end of a tie-breaking shoot-off made necessary by their unbelievable shooting: both the Italian and the British, in fact, crushed 59 out of 60 targets, co-signing the new Skeet Men World Record.

In took only four more clays, however, to see Llewelin miss his second target of the match, a costly mistake that Filippelli quickly exploited, winning the first ISSF crystal globe of his career and leaving Llewelin in 2nd place.

First-time World Cup Final participant Federico Gil (29) of Argentina completed the podium in 3rd place, adding another achievement to the first World Cup Gold of his career, won in Larnaka (CYP) last May. Gil, number 7 in the World Ranking, only missed one of his 50 targets, taking Bronze because of a lower bib number compared to Filippelli and Llewelin.

Despite hitting all of his first 30 clays, United States' 29-year-old Frank Thompson missed the podium, as he only crushed 7 of the following 10 and concluded with 37 out of 40, taking 4th position on the table. The American was followed by the current Olympic and World Champion Gabriele Rossetti, who missed a single target in each of his first two stations and concluded in 5th place with 28 clay target hits out of 30.

The first shooter eliminated from the match was Cyprus' Georgios Achilleos (36), who crushed only 13 of his first 20 targets and took 6th place.

The ISSF World Cup Final in New Delhi (IND) will continue tomorrow with four more finals: the 50m Rifle Prone Men, scheduled at 11:00 am (UTC+5:30); the 25m Pistol Women, scheduled at 12:30 pm; the 50m Pistol Men, scheduled at 2:00 pm; and the Double Trap Men, scheduled at 4:30 pm.

All four finals will be streamed live on the ISSF website, on the Federation's [Livestream channel](#), on its official [Facebook page](#) and on the [Olympic Channel](#).

Live results of the competitions, news and updates will be available on [www.issf-sports.org](http://www.issf-sports.org) and on all ISSF social media platforms: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), [Weibo](#) and [Youku](#).

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

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

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

For the provisional medal standings [click here](#).

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### **Notes for the editors:**

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