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# ISSF Press Release N. 04/2018 China and India took Mixed Team gold in Guadalajara, while United States' Ashley Carroll ruled Trap Women

Guadalajara (MEX), 5 March 2018 - Three finals in three different disciplines took place today at the ISSF World Cup Stage 1, currently taking place in Guadalajara.

# 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team

An incredible performance signed by People's Republic of China's Xu Hong and Chen Keduo marked the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team final, the event that opened the third competition day at the ISSF World Cup in Guadalajara.

The two Chinese athletes grabbed the lead at the end of the very first series, scoring 105.2 points and maintaining the top position all along the match. Furthermore, they kept nailing amazing scores, eventually besting the World Record set at last month's European Championship in Gyor (HUN): Xu and Chen, in fact, finished with 502.0 points, 3.7 points more than the previous mark.

Romania's Laura-Georgeta Coman won her second World Cup medal in two days, teaming up with Alin George Moldoveanu and securing silver with 498.4 points. While taking 3rd place with 435.1 points — just 0.7-point away from Coman and Moldoveanu at the 42nd-shot mark — India's Mehuli Ghosh and Deepak Kumar added another bronze to their country's medal count.

Ghosh and Kumar bested their teammates Apurvi Chandela and Ravi Kumar, who placed just outside of the podium with 392.6 points, after entering the final with the highest qualification score.

Sun Ting and Mao Chenwei of the People's Republic of China finished in 5th place with 348.9 points.

#### 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team

In the following 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team final, India pocketed its third gold in the competition.

Once again it was 16-year-old sensation Manu Bhaker who shined, teaming up with Om Prakash Mitharval and overtaking their German rivals in the final phase of the match. The Indian team took gold with 476.1 points, 0.9 points ahead of Sandra and Christian Reitz, who claimed silver for Germany with 475.2.

The bronze medal went to France's Celine Goberville and Florian Fouquet, who placed 3rd with 415.1 points, while India's second team — composed by Mahima Turhi Agrawal and Shahzar Rizvi — followed in 4th position with 372.4.

Just like in the previous final, two Chinese shooter took 5th place, as Chen Yan and Zhang Hao totalled 323.8 points.

# **Trap Women**

Day 3 finally closed with United States of America's Ashley Carroll pocketing her second career World Cup gold and setting a new Trap Women World Record.

The 23-year-old Californian nailed a remarkable performance, only missing her 5th and 46th target and leading all along the match, then finishing with 48 hits out of 50 targets. Four more than Australia's Catherine Skinner.

The current Olympic Champion and leader of the world ranking in this event failed to match Carroll's pace, eventually taking silver with 44 hits out of 50. It's the 4th World Cup medal for the 28-year-old from Melbourne.

Aeriel Alease Skinner — United States' second finalists — completed the podium in 3rd place, crushing 34 clays out of 40 and pocketing the first World Cup medal of her career. The United States' 23-year-old previously set a new Qualification World Record, crushing 119 clay targets out of 125.

Finland's Mopsi Veromaa and San Marino's Alessandra Perilli followed the American, respectively placing 4th and 5th.

The Finnish 37-year-old, bronze medalist at last year's World Cup stage in New Delhi (IND), hit 28 of her 35 targets, while the Sammarinese 29-year-old — a seven-time World Cup medalist in Trap Women — hit 23 out of 30. Italy's first-time finalist Lucia Palmitessa (19) was the first to leave the match, hitting 14 targets out of 25.

The ISSF World Cup in Guadalajara will continue tomorrow with the Trap Men final, scheduled at 4:30 pm (UTC-6:00).

The final will be streamed live on the <u>ISSF website</u>, on the Federation's <u>Livestream channel</u>, on its official <u>Facebook page</u> and on the <u>Olympic Channel</u>.

Live results of the competitions, news and updates will be available on <a href="www.issf-sports.org">www.issf-sports.org</a> and on all ISSF social media platforms: <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>, <a href="Twitter">Twitter</a>, <a href="Instagram">Instagram</a>, <a href="YouTube">YouTube</a>, <a href="Weibo">Weibo</a> and <a href="YouKu">Youku</a>.

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For the 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team complete results click here.

For the Trap Women complete results click here.

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# **Notes for the editors:**

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