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at the ISSF Junior World Cup in Sydney

Sydney (AUS), 23 March 2018 - Two more finals took place today at the Sydney International Shooting Centre, where the first ISSF Junior World Cup of the 2018 season is currently taking place.

50m Rifle 3 Positions Men Junior

The People's Republic of China won its third gold medal in Sydney, as Zhang Changhong ruled the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men Junior final, adding his name to the ones of Liu Yuqi and Duan Yuwei.

Indeed, after standing in 2nd place at the end of both the kneeling and prone position, the 18-year-old shooter grabbed the lead with a consistent performance in the decisive standing phase, pocketing the gold medal and scoring 451.6 points in his first final participation in this event.

Alongside him, on the 2nd step of the podium, Finland's Sebastian Langstrom (19) took silver with 448.0 points, pulverizing the 11th place he obtained at last year's ISSF Junior World Championship in Suhl (GER). The bronze medal was awarded to Hungary's Zalan Pekler — also silver medalist in yesterday's Air Rifle event. The 18-year-old Hungarian first entered the final with the highest qualification score, then sealing 3rd place with the score of 439.4 points.

Zhang's two teammates Xu Yuannan (17) and Li Xuezhi (20) left the match at the 40th-shot mark, respectively taking 7th place with 389.9 points and 8th place with 387.4.

One shot later, they were followed by India's 20-year-old Sam George Sajan Christopher Ramesh — participating in his first ISSF competition — who finished in 6th position with 402.5 points.

In 4th place, but way far from the medal positions, Romania's 19-year-old Dragomir Iordache scored 423.1 points, besting the 6th place he nailed at the ISSF Junior World Cup in Gabala (AZE) in 2016.

Finally, taking 5th place, home favorite Alex Chresten Hoberg (16) of Australia finished with 413.3 points in his first international start ever.

Trap Men Junior

Italy's men's Trap shooter Matteo Marongiu — he junior silver medalist at last year's ISSF Shotgun World Championship — climbed atop the podium at the Sydney International Shooting Centre, where the ISSF Junior World Cup is currently taking place.

To do so, the 18-year-old bested People's Republic of China's Ouyang Yiliu (18) in an exciting tie-breaking shoot-off for the gold medal. Both Marongiu and Ouyang, in fact, crushed 39 of their 50 final targets, and it took two more for the Italian youngster to secure his first international gold.

Walking on the 2nd step of the podium, then, Ouyang both secured the first international medal of his career and his country's sixth individual medal in the competition.

The podium was completed by India's Vivaan Kapoor — who previously finished 18th at the ISSF Junior World Cup in Porpetto (ITA), his only other ISSF start. The 16-year-old Indian shooter secured bronze with 30 hits out of 40 clays.

Eliminated in 4th position because of his lower bib number, Chinese Taipei's Yang Kun-Pi (19) nailed his best placement out of three Junior World Cup starts, hitting 26 out of 35 targets.

He was followed by Australia's 19-year-old Nathan Steven Argiro, who placed 5th with 21 hits out of 30 targets, after qualifying for the final with the highest score: 115 out of 125.

The first shooter eliminated from the match was the People's Republic of China's second finalist — 19-year-old Li Cheng — who crushed 15 targets out of 25 and finished in 6th place.

The People's Republic of China's Li, Ouyang and Yu Haicheng secured the team gold medal, while Australia's Argiro, Mitchell Iles-Crevatin and Adam Joshua Bylsma took silver and India's Kapoor, Lakshay Lakshay and Ali Aman Elahi won bronze.

The ISSF Junior World Cup in Sydney will continue tomorrow with three more finals: the 10m Air Pistol Women Junior, taking place at 11:45 am (UTC+11:00), the 10m Air Pistol Men Junior, taking place at 2:00 pm, and the Trap Mixed Team Junior, scheduled at 4:15 pm.

The competition will be streamed live on the [ISSF website](#), on the Federation's [Livestream channel](#) and on its official [Facebook page](#).

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

For the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men Junior complete results [click here](#).

For the Trap Men Junior complete results [click here](#).

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

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Notes for the editors:

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