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Ukraine reaches the top of the medal standings, James Willett earns Australia's first Gold

Pistol shooter Oleh Omelchuk follows the footsteps of his teammate Olena Kostevych by winning the 50m Pistol Men Gold medal, while at the Shotgun range Australia's James Willett pockets the first Gold of his career in his fifth World Cup appearance.

On day 4 of the ISSF World Cup stage in Rio de Janeiro (BRA), Oleh Omelchuk of Ukraine and James Willett of Australia respectively secured the Gold medal in the 50m Pistol Men and in the Double Trap Men event. Omelchuk's Gold is the second three days for Ukraine, after Olena Kostevych placed 1st in Sunday's 10m Air Pistol Women event.

50m Pistol Men

The 50m Pistol Men final, the first match scheduled for today at the ISSF World Cup stage in Rio de Janeiro (BRA), took an unexpected turn in its last series, as Ukraine's Oleh Omelchuk overtook Beijing 2008 and London 2012 Gold medallist, South Korea's Jin Jongoh, after he led the final since the very beginning.

Omelchuk, who were 4.2-points behind Jin after the fifth series, narrowed the gap with a solid shooting in the following three, when the Korean shooter fired five of his six shots outside the 10th-ring.

The Ukrainian shooter then claimed the lead with an almost-perfect 10.7 on his second-to-last shot, eventually sealing the victory with another convincing one, a 9.7 that brought his final score to 191.3 points. Jin, who finished the match with a poor 8.6, recorded a final score of 189.4.

"Actually, I expected this match to be easier because I was counting on the experience I gained during the 10m Air Pistol final." Declared Omelchuk after the medal ceremony. "Anyway, qualifying for finals here at the Olympic range surely gives me good feelings."

London 2012 Olympic Bronze medallist in this event, People's Republic of China's Wang Zhiwei, also finished on the podium, securing the Bronze medal with 169.7 points.

Also, two of Wang teammates followed him in the final standings, as Mai Jiajie finished 4th with 148.7 points and Pang Wei placed 5th with 130.2. India's Jitu Rai, Silver medallist at the 2014 ISSF World Championship, concluded 6th with 108.9 points.

Unites States' Jay Shi, participating in the first final phase of his career, concluded 7th with 87.6. His only other placement was a 13th place at last month's World Cup stage in Bangkok (KOR).

South Korea's Kim Cheongyong, also competing here in his second World Cup event ever, placed 8th with 68.4 points. His previous places was a 3rd place in Gabala (AZE) in 2015.

Double Trap Men

Australian shooter James Willett, a continental Champion in Sydney in 2015, competing this year in his second ISSF World Cup Series, walked on the highest step of the podium in Rio de Janeiro (BRA), beating London 2012 Bronze medallist Vasily Mosin of the Russian Federation.

That counts as Willett's second World Cup medal in five starts.

After they both nailed the best semifinal score with 27, the Australian and the Russian athlete doubled their scores in the Gold medal match, entering in a shoot-off where Mosin missed on his very first station and Willett celebrated the first ISSF World Cup Gold of his young career.

"Yes, it looks like I'm peaking at the right moment," said Willett, asked about his second consecutive World Cup medal. "I only started shooting Double Trap in 2014, and it feels great to win some medals and be on top of the podium."

"The range here at the Olympic venue is great. I think it will be a great venue for the Games, the weather is good, the targets are good, everything is good. It should be great!" "I will definitely be in Baku, I'll just try to shoot at as many competitions as possible in the lead up to the Olympics." He concluded.

In the Bronze medal match USA's Walton Eller, Double Trap Olympic Gold medallist in Beijing 2008, prevailed over Italy's Antonino Barillà, taking an early, comfortable lead and finishing with a convincing 28-to-23 victory.

Previously, to enter the Bronze medal match, Eller had to survive a shoot-off with Germany's Andrea Loew, who then placed 5th with 25 semifinal and 3 shoot-off targets.

Italy's second shooter, the Gold medallist at last month's World Cup stage in Nicosia (CYP) Alessandro Chianese, finished 6th with 24 semifinal targets.

The ISSF World Cup stage in Rio de Janeiro will continue tomorrow with the 25m Pistol Women final, scheduled at 3:30 PM (UTC-3).

For the 50m Pistol Men complete results [click here](#).

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

For editorial photos [click here](#).

Notes for the editors:

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