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### **USA's Emmons scores new final world record at ISSF World Cup Munich closing event**

*The 2004 Olympic Champion won the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men event. Earlier today, Serbia's Velickovic claimed gold at the women's 10m Air Pistol final. The People's Republic of China finished atop of the overall medal standings. Four records set or equaled. Next stops: San Marino and Baku.*

USA's 2004 Olympic Champion Matthew Emmons, 35, ranked first in the world, displayed his exceptional skills at today's 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men final, the last match of the ISSF World Cup stage in Munich.

Emmons set new final world record score of 464.1 points, shattering the 463.7 record established by China's Hui Zicheng last 24 April in Rio de Janeiro.

"To be able to come here to Munich and shoot a world record is something really awesome, and I did not expect it." Emmons said after the final.

The American shooter closed the Kneeling series in third with 153.9 points, and then moved up in the lead through the Prone series, with 311.6 points, before sealing the victory in the Standing position.

"Comparing my previous Olympics with Rio 2016? I am older and wiser. I definitely don't have any monkeys on my back anymore, I got rid of that in London already. Now I am enjoying what I am doing. Things are really coming together the way that I wanted."

To finish atop of the podium today, Emmons beat Serbia's Milenko Sebic, 31, second with 460.1 points, and Austria's 22-year old finalist Gernot Rumpler, third with 448.0 points.

Earlier today, the 2012 European Champion, Bobana Velickovic of Serbia, secured the women's 10m Air Pistol Gold medal with 199.7 points, recording her best world cup finish in career. Sonia Franquet of Spain, 35, claimed silver with a total score of 199.1 points. Bronze went to Zhang Mengxue of the People's Republic of China, 25, with 179.4 points.

738 athletes from 88 countries competed on the lines of the 1972 Olympic shooting range from the 21st through the 25th of May, in the 10 Rifle and Pistol Olympic shooting events.

The People's Republic of China finished atop of the medal standings, with 3 Gold, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze medals. Serbia closed in second place, with 2 Gold and 1 Silver, while it was the Ukraine that sealed the third place with 1 medal of each color.

"As every year, the ISSF is very happy to have a world cup here in Munich, because we all know

that the event is organized very well, the athletes are competing in good conditions, and the response of spectators is really positive. The atmosphere is always nice, and the results prove it.” The ISSF Secretary General Franz Schreiber said, after the last match.

“The finals have been excellent. We have been witness of some exceptional record scores and performances, in these day.” The Secretary General commented, recalling the four world records set or equaled during the competition.

The ISSF World Cup Series moves now on to San Marino, where an ISSF Shotgun World Cup will be held between the 1st and the 10th of June. The appointment with Rifle and Pistol shooters is set for the 20th of June, when the fourth and last world cup stage of the season will kick-off in Baku, Azerbaijan.

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**Notes for the editors:**

The International Shooting Sport Federation is the governing body of the Olympic Shooting events, and it has over 160 affiliated National Federations worldwide. Shooting is an Olympic sport since the very first edition of the modern Olympic Games, Athens 1896. Find out more about the International Shooting Sport Federation at [www.issf-sports.org](http://www.issf-sports.org).

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