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ISSF World Cup Baku day-5: Denmark's Grimmel wins his 3rd Gold out of 4 World Cups

The 2000 Olympic Silver medalist keeps on piling 50m Rifle Prone Men world cup medals on his road to Rio. In the following 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men event, Germany's Reitz claimed Gold hitting 5 out of 5 targets on his last series.

The 2000 Olympic Silver medalist Torben Grimmel of Denmark won his third 50m Rifle Prone Men gold medal of the season, out of four world cup stages, at the ISSF World Cup in Baku, today.

The 40-year old athlete qualified for the final with 622.2 points, and took the lead of the final after the 14th shoot, keeping it right to the 20th and last final shot. With a score of 208.4 points, he beat Great Britain's Kenneth Parr (27), who finished in second pocketing his first ISSF medal with 208.0 points. Parr survived a shoot-off against Croatia's first-time finalist Petar Gorsa (28), beating him by 10.6 to 10.1 as they tied after shot 18. Gorsa eventually took the Bronze with 187.5 points.

"I am so happy, I am so excited," said Grimmel after the final. The Danish shooter climbed up the world ranking to the first place, this year, by winning three out of four world cup stages (Bangkok, Munich, Baku).

"It has been really hard. I have had a hard time yesterday, like everybody else, because of the win. And today it was even worse. The wind wasn't blowing that hard, but it changed often, back and forth," he added.

"I recovered from my back surgery, and changed my focus a little bit. I am trying to make competitions equal as trainings, as much as I can. And that seems to work out fine," continued Grimmel, who had only won one medal in this Olympic cycle, between 2013 and 2015, before his comeback in 2016.

"With 40 days to go to the Games I am trying to keep it easy, and continue to work at home as I did during the last months."

Beijing's 2008 Olympic Bronze medalist Christian Reitz of Germany (29) triumphed in the following 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men final.

The world record holder finished atop of the table with 32 hits, after hitting 5 out of 5 targets in his last series, securing another gold medal here in Baku, where he had won the first edition of the European Games one year ago.

Reitz beat the current world rank's #1 Zhang Fusheng of the People's Republic of China (22), who finished in second with 30 hits. Today's was Zhang's third world cup medal of the season, after his two victories in Bangkok and Munich. The German winner had battled neck and neck also against Republic of Korea's Kang Minu, right until the 6th series. Then, the 30-year old Korean athlete only hit one target out of five on his last series, sliding down in third place, where he closed the match with a score of 25 hits.

As Day-5 of the ISSF Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun World Cup comes to an end, the People's Republic of China is still leading the intermediate medals standings, after 11 out of 15 events conducted, with 1 Gold, 3 Silver and 1 Bronze. The Republic of Korea follows in second, with 6 medals: 1 Gold and 5 Bronze. Remarkably, the 11 Gold medals assigned so far here in Baku, went to 11 different countries, highlighting once again the universality of the sport.

The event will continue tomorrow, June 27, the second-last day of the stage. The men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions Final will be held at 12.00 Am (GMT+4), while the women's Skeet Final will follow at 5.45 Pm.

Results: <http://goo.gl/CcCJuh>

Events photos: <https://goo.gl/zTV36y>

Events videos: <https://www.youtube.com/issfchannel>

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.

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