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**Jin Jongoh (KOR) makes history as he wins his third 50m Pistol Olympic Gold back to back**

*Nobody had ever won three Olympic gold medals back to back in the history of the sport. And nobody had ever won four individual shooting sport gold medals as he did. But there's more to come, he says.*

Jin Jongoh of the Republic of Korea made history today, winning his third consecutive 50m Pistol Men Olympic Gold back to back, becoming the most successful shooter in the history of the sport. And nobody had ever won four individual Olympic gold in the history of the sport, which is part of the Olympic program since he very first edition in 1896.

Jin, 36, claimed the title in an extraordinary fashion, at the end of a spine-chilling final match, today. The Korean athlete started off the final as the favorite, but a frustrating 6.6 fired on his ninth final shot landed him in last place, 5.2 points behind the leader, Kim of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at that time of the match.

But the champion did not give up. Nailing a series of exceptional shots, he climbed up the scoreboard, position after position, pocketing the brightest medal with 193.7 points, setting the new Olympic record.

With his last four shots, Jin beat Vietnam's Hoang Xuan Vinh, who secured Silver with 191.3 points, and the Democratic's People's Republic of Korea's Kim Song Guk, who landed in third with 172.8 points after leading through first part of the final.

"I can't describe how happy I feel, this is my third Gold medal back to back in this event, something which had never happened before in the history of the sport," said Jin after the medal ceremony. "When I shot that 6.6 I thought I was done. But I told to myself: never give up! You never know what's going to happen. And indeed something very special has happened: I climbed back to the top."

"There was so much pressure on me, this has definitely been the most difficult Olympic edition of my career: everybody was expecting me to perform well," Jin continued.

The Korean shooter has already won four Olympic Gold, two Olympic silver, two ISSF World Championships and two Asian Championship titles, as well as three World Cup Final titles since 2004. But, apparently there is more to come.

"I have no plans to retire. Many people tell me this would be the right moment, but shooting is my sport, it's something I love, it's my passion. I won't quit, this is my life."

At the following men's Double Trap final, Fehaid Aldeehani beat Italy's Marco Innocenti by 26 to 24 hits in the Gold medal match after closing the semi-final in the lead with 28 hits out of 30 targets, to secure the first gold medal for the Independent Olympic Athletes team in Rio. Great Britain Steven Scott (31) claimed Bronze, beating his teammate Tim Kneal (33) with a perfect score of 30 out of 30 hits to Kneal's 28. Scott and Kneal had won a three-way shoot-off at the end of the semifinal to advance to the medal match, beating Australia's James Willett who was left in 5<sup>th</sup> place with 26 hits. Germany's Andreas Loew took the 6<sup>th</sup> place with 25 hits.

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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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