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#### **ISSF Rifle and Pistol World Cup Final Day-3: four World Cup champions crowned in Bologna**

*Serbia's Andrea Arsovic and Damir Mikec, Mexico's Alejandra Zavala Vazquez and Hungary's Peter Sidi secured ISSF World Cup titles during day-3 of the ISSF Rifle and Pistol World Cup Final in Bologna, Italy, today.*

Four medal events were conducted at the ISSF World Cup Final in Bologna, today.

Serbia's Andrea Arsovic won the first match of the day, the 10m Air Rifle Women final. The 29-year old shooter scored 209.0 points, beating the 2012 Olympic Champion and Rio 2016 bronze medalist Yi Siling of the People's Republic of China, who closed the match in second with 208.7 points.

The 2016 Olympic Champion, USA's Virginia Thrasher, secured bronze with a score of 185.5 points. Another Olympic champion, Athens' gold medalist Du Li of the People's Republic of China, took the 6th place with 144.3 points, while the title defender – Elaheh Ahmadi of the Islamic Republic of Iran – closed in 8th place with 80.7 points.

"I am very happy that I finally won the ISSF Globe. I have been trying for a long time," said Arsovic, who had won two World Cup Final silver medals (2013, 2014) and a bronze (2015). "The Olympics did not turn in the way I expected," added the Serbian athlete, who placed in 26th in Rio two months ago, in spite of walking into the competition as one of the top favorites. "That was really hard. I had prepared for years for that event. But when I got back home I received a lot of support from my family and the people around me. That gave me the strength to continue, and to go for another Olympic cycle. Today's victory is also a great motivation."

At the following 10m Air Rifle Men final, it was Hungary's Peter Sidi who claimed the brightest medal, sealing his victory with a great 10.8 last shot, and a total score of 207.7 points. His closest opponent, the Rio 2016 Olympic Bronze medalist Vladimir Maslennikov of the Russian Federation, claimed silver with 207.2 points, while Bronze went to Iran's Hossein Bagheri with 186.1 points.

The 2015 European Games champion Damir Mikec of Serbia, 32, secured gold at the 10m Air Pistol Men event with a score of 202.9 points, leaving few chances to the 2008 Olympic Champion and Rio 2016 Bronze medalist Pang Wei of the People's Republic of China, who claimed silver with 199.7 points. Tukey's Ismail Keles – who qualified to participate in this Final by winning silver at this year's world cup stage in Munich – collected the bronze medal with 178.4 points, leaving behind him Russia's Vladimir Isakov, 4th with 157.8 point.

"I have been competing in six ISSF World Cup Finals since 2009, and I had never made it to the podium. Finally, this nice ISSF Globe came to me!" Mikec said after the match.

"I has some up and downs during the final, but I tried to clear my mind, to stay focused, and to score one shot after the other, without thinking at the final result. Luckily it worked well," he added.

Earlier today, Mexico's Alejandra Zavala Vazquez won the 10m Air Pistol Women final in an extraordinary fashion. The 32-year old shooter claimed the brightest medal by winning a shoot-off against Rio 2016's hero Anna Korakaki of Greece, by 9.8 to 9.1.

The two athletes tied after the last shot with a score of 201.0 points (which means that 20-year old Korakaki equaled the current junior final world record), leaving Rio 2016 Olympic champion Zhang Menxue of the People's Republic of China in third place with 178.4 points.

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10m Air Rifle Men results, [click here](#).

10m Air Rifle Women results, [click here](#).

10m Air Pistol Men results, [click here](#).

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**Notes for the editors:**

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