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India, People's Republic of China and Italy pocket one gold each at the
ISSF Junior World Cup in Sydney

Sydney (AUS), 24 March 2018 - Three more finals went down at the ISSF Junior World Cup, which is currently taking place at the SISC in Sydney.

10m Air Pistol Women Junior

An exciting final match characterized the 10m Air Pistol Women Junior event in Sydney (AUS), where India's Manu Bhaker prevailed over Thailand's Kanyakorn Hirunphoem (16) at the very last shot, securing India's second individual gold at the ISSF Junior World Cup.

After leading the match by as much as 2.2 points, indeed, Bhaker fired six consecutive shots outside the 10th ring, suddenly finding herself one point behind Hirunphoem with only two shots left to fire. There, the 9.6-9.8 combo signed by the Indian 16-year-old was enough to definitely overtake her rival, who instead sealed her match with a disappointing 7.9.

Bhaker — who won individual and mixed team gold in Air Pistol at this month's ISSF World Cup in Guadalajara (MEX) — finished with the score of 235.9 points, while Hirunphoem — who previously wrote a new Qualification World Record with 576 points — took silver with 234.9.

The podium was then completed by People's Republic of China's Lu Kaiman, making her first Junior World Cup appearance in Sydney. The 18-year-old won her country's seventh individual medal, taking bronze with 214.2 points.

Placing just outside of the podium, Bhaker's teammate Devanshi Rana failed to put a medal on top of her first international competition. The 18-year-old debutant, indeed, took 4th place with 195.3 points.

A second Chinese finalist — 15-year-old Xiao Jiaruixuan, Air Pistol gold medalist at last year's Asian Championship in Wako City (JPN) — finished in 5th position with 173.2 points.

She was followed by Singapore's 15-year-old Shirlene Hew Yun Ting and Chinese Taipei's 19-year-old Chien Hsin-Yi, who respectively finished in 6th position with 153.3 points and in 7th posi-

tion with 133.5. At the bottom of the table, Amanda Mak Sao Keng (17) finished 8th in her first international competition ever, scoring 112.9 points.

Bhaker, Rana and Mahima Turhi Agrawal also brought India on top of the team podium, while Xiao, Lu and Li Xue won silver for the People's Republic of China. Thailand's Hirunphoem, Luxciga Sritivoravong and Warunyapha Kaewgoen took the team bronze.

10m Air Pistol Men Junior

After four days of competition at the Sydney International Shooting Centre — where the ISSF Junior World Cup is currently taking place — it's already quite clear that India and the People's Republic of China are going to be the two main protagonists.

In the 10m Air Pistol Men Junior event, indeed, Chinese shooter Wang Zhehao absolutely dominated the final, climbing atop the podium and securing gold with 242.5 points. The 19-year-old athlete also signed a new Junior World Record, sealing the match with a 8.6-point advantage on his closest rival.

Despite placing five shooters in the final, India missed the brightest medal and ended up with the silver-bronze combo secured by Gaurav Rana and Anmol Anmol.

Rana (18) nailed the best placement of his international career, placing 2nd with 233.9 points, while Anmol scored 215.1 and added a bronze medal to the silver he won at the ISSF Junior World Cup in Gabala (AZE) in 2016.

People's Republic of China second and third final participant concluded at the feet of the podium, as 19-year-old Tang Sihao and 20-year-old Liu Jinyao respectively took 4th and 5th place. Tang scored 195.3 points — losing a tie-breaking shoot-off against Anmol at the 20th shot mark — and Liu finished with 173.2.

Three more Indian shooters placed at the bottom three positions of the match: 19-year-old Arjun Singh Cheema took 6th position with 152.7 points, while Anhad Jawanda (19) placed 7th with 134.4 and Abhishek Arya finished in 8th place with 114.5.

India's Cheema, Rana and Anmol also pocketed the team gold, preceding Liu, Wang and Tang — who claimed silver for the People's Republic of China — and Jawanda, Arya and Adarsh Singh who won bronze for India

Trap Mixed Team Junior

Italy's 20-year-old Teo Petroni and 19-year-old Erica Sessa pocketed the Trap Mixed Team gold medal at the ISSF Junior World Cup in Sydney (AUS), prevailing over India's Manisha Keer (18) and Ali Aman Elahi (18), and over some very challenging weather conditions.

Indeed, under a heavy rain the poured on the range for the whole match, the Italian couple managed to nail a streak of 12 consecutive hits between shot number 30 and 41, definitely grabbing the lead and eventually landing on top of the podium.

Also, being the first official junior result officially recorded, the 38 out of 50 scored by Petroni and Sessa is the new Junior World Record in the Trap Mixed Team event. In 2nd position, Keer and Elahi finished with 34 hits out of 50 and the silver medals around their necks.

The bronze medal was awarded to People's Republic of China's Gao Wendi (20) and Li Cheng (19), who concluded their match at the 40th target mark with 28 hits. For Gao it's the second medal in this competition, as she also took bronze two days ago in the Trap Women Junior event.

India's second team — Kirti Gupta (17) and yesterday's Trap Men Junior bronze medalist Vivaan Kapoor (16) — placed just outside of the podium, taking 4th place with 24 out of 35 hits, while a second Italian couple composed by Diana Ghilarducci (18) and Matteo Marongiu (18) followed in 5th place, crushing 21 out of 30 clays.

Eliminated after 25 targets, Great Britain's Augusta Rose Campos-Martyn (19) and Michael William Oliver Bovington (16) finished in 6th position with 15 hits.

The ISSF Junior World Cup in Sydney (AUS) will continue on Monday with the 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men Junior final, taking place at the Sydney International Shooting Centre at 12:45 pm (UTC+11:00).

Matches will be streamed live on the [ISSF website](#), on the Federation's [Livestream channel](#), on its official [Facebook page](#) and on the [Olympic Channel](#).

Live results of the competitions, news and updates will be available on www.issf-sports.org and on all ISSF social media platforms: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), [Weibo](#) and [Youku](#).

For the 10m Air Pistol Women Junior complete results [click here](#).

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Notes for the editors:

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