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**The Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China**  
**keep ruling the ISSF World Cup in Changwon**

Changwon (KOR), 26 April 2018 - Two high-level finals characterized the fifth competition day at the Changwon International Shooting Range, where the second ISSF World Cup of the season is currently underway.

**50m Rifle 3 Positions Men**

Day 5 of the competition opened with the men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions final, won by Rio 2016 Olympic silver medalist Sergey Kamenskiy of the Russian Federation.

The 30-year-old shooter started-off the final with 153.7 points in the kneeling position, which he closed in 2nd place. He then moved in the lead with 310.0 points after the prone position. In the standing, he added 150.6 points to his score, closing atop of the podium with a total tally of 460.6.

Kamenskiy beat Italy's five-time Olympian Marco De Nicolo (41) who followed today's winner in second place with 459.0 points.

21-year old Istvan Peni of Hungary — bronze medallist at last year's ISSF World Cup Final in New Delhi (IND) — scored a 9.2 on his last standing shot to finish in thi3rdrd place with 448.2 points, just 0.4 behind De Nicolo. With a total of 448.2 points he claimed his second World Cup bronze this season.

Following the medalists, United States' Matthew Emmons survived a shoot-off against Belarus' Yury Shcherbatsevich after shot number 42, but was then eliminated one shot later, placing 4th with 436.2 points, ahead of the same Shcherbatsevich, 5th with 426.7.

At the same time, local media's spotlights were on the home athlete, Kim Jonghyun, who took 7th place with 404.8 points, closing the match behind Petar Gorsa of Croatia — 6th with 416.4. Gorsa left the match at the first elimination, along with India's Sanjeev Rajput, who placed 8th with 395.7 points after firing a shot in the 6th ring on his last standing series.

## 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team

Absolutely dominant: the 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team event saw the People's Republic of China take the gold and sign a new World Record with 29-year-old Ji Xiaojing and 20-year-old Wu Jiayu. It's the third gold medal won by the Chinese National Team at the ISSF World Cup Stage 2 in Changwon (KOR), which makes them the leader of the medal standings so far.

The German team — composed by 30-year-old Christian Reitz and his 33-year-old wife Sandra Reitz — tried to keep up with the impressive pace of Ji and Wu, but at the end of the first competition stage they were already 4.0 points behind the Chinese team.

Indeed, by scoring 102.4, 102.8 and 103.7 points in their opening series, Ji and Wu distanced themselves from the other four teams, then managing their lead and eventually taking 1st place with 487.7 points: a new World Record in this event, 4.9 points above the previous one.

Behind them, Germany successfully defended the runner-up position, finishing with 484.2 points and the silver medals around their neck. Furthermore, the Reitzs also doubled the result they nailed at the previous ISSF World Cup held in Guadalajara (MEX). On the third step of the podium placed Serbia's 31-year-old Zorana Arunovic — bronze medalist in yesterday's 10m Air Pistol Women event — and 34-year-old Damir Mikec, who concluded with 424.3 points.

Just outside of the podium, India's 16-year-old Manu Bhaker and Om Prakash Mitharval failed to match the expectation they fostered by entering the top-5 with a new Qualification World Record of 778 points: the two Indian youngsters, in fact, finished in 4th position with 378.6 points.

Eliminated at the 34-shot mark, Polina Konarieva (20) and Oleh Omelchuk (34) of Ukraine placed in 6th position with 338.0 points.

The ISSF World Cup Stage 2 in Changwon will continue tomorrow with the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Women final, taking place at 12:45 pm (UTC+9:00).

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

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

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For the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men complete results [click here](#).

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

For the provisional medal standings [click here](#).

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### **Notes for the editors:**

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