

Final 10m Air Pistol Women Event: Kousnetsova's comeback: Gold and Quota



Today's Final 10m Air Pistol saw the great comeback of the Olympic Champion of Atlanta 1996, the Russian shooter Olga Kousnetsova. Starting in first with the highest qualification score, she enlarged her advantage on the followers shot after shot, closing in first and winning both Gold and Quota.



The Olympic Champion of Atlanta 1996 Olga Kousnetsova of Russia played a great Final 10M Air Pistol Women, ending in first and winning Gold 2.1 points ahead her followers. Back to the competitions after missing the international scene for a couple of years, the many time awarded Russian shooter secured next to the medal a Quota Place for her country. Her final score of 488.8 points turned out to be 2.1 points higher than what marked by today's Silver medallist, Sagun Lewandowka of Poland. The Polish shooter, by her side, showed once more to be in great athletic conditions confirming what seen at the ISSF World Cup in Sydney, where she had entered the final round winning a Quota for her country. Behind the two experienced shooters, five young athletes battled to find a place on the podium. The 20-year old Celine Goberville of France impressed everybody for her great determination and precision: starting in eighth, with the lowest qualification score, she climbed up the rank to the fourth place shooting a good round. She couldn't go further, stopped by the outstanding performance of the Spanish Sonia Franquet, who marked the highest final score of 101.3 ending up in third and winning Bronze. Following Goberville, the 18-year old Thai shooter Yusawat Wanwarin placed in fifth, preceding the Indian finalist Shweta Chaudhry and the Australian Dina Aspandiyarova, seventh. Today's final turned out to be an unlucky round for the Mongolian shooter Munkzul Tsogbadrah: in spite of starting with a good qualification score of 385 points, she missed more than once scoring also an 8.5 and an 8.9, not enough to keep up with her opponents. She ended up in eighth, with a total score of 481.6 points.