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## CAMPRIANI CLIMBED FROM 4TH PLACE TO WIN AIR RIFLE FINAL

*The Italian shooter won the 10m Air Rifle Men event at the last shot, with only 0.1 points of advantage on his followers. France and China secured the two Olympic Quota Places.*

Italy's World Champion Niccolò Campriani of Italy won the 10m Air Rifle event at the 2011 ISSF Combined World Cup in Sydney. The 23-year old athlete secured the brightest medal climbing from the fourth place. Qualified with 596 points, he marked 103.3 points in the final, ending up with 699.3 points and the Gold medal. Winning the match, Campriani also secured his leadership atop of the world ranking.

*"I did not believe I could make it!"* said the Italian shooter, who trains at the West Virginia University, in USA, where he's studying industrial engineering. *"I travelled thru three continents in the last two weeks... I was kind of tired!"* Said Campriani who competed at the European Championship in Brescia winning a Bronze before coming to Sydney.

Following him, the other seven finalists fought right to the last shot, trying to secured one of the three Olympic Quota Places to be awarded at today's finals.

It was France's Pierre Edmond Piasecki who won the hurdle, ending up in second place with 699.2 (597+102.2) points, pocketing the Silver medal and the first Olympic Quota.

Following him, China's Wang Tao placed in third after outdoing 10.1 to 9.8 Norway's Are Hansen in a shoot-off for the Bronze medal. Both of them secured an Olympic Quota Place.

Austria's Mario Knoegler and Nederland's Peter Hellenbrand followed in fifth and sixth place, preceding the unlucky Israeli shooter Sergy Rikhter who closed the match in seventh with 697.3 points after firing an unlucky 8.4 on his last shot. The 2008 Olympic medallist Henri Hakkinen followed him in eighth place, closing the match with 696.7 points.

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