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AUSTRALIAN RIFLE TEAM – WORLD CHAMPIONS – SECOND TIME IN A ROW!

Australia has won the 2024 Palma World Championship match held at Bloemfontein, South Africa on 22 and 23 March 2024. The Palma competition dates back to the 1870's and is the most prestigious Target Rifle shooting competition for long-range shooting up to 1000m.

Australia has won the World Championship on three previous occasions (1979 in NZ, 1988 in Australia and 2019 in NZ). 2024 Team Captain Darren Enslin was delighted that Australia was able to defend the title won in New Zealand in 2019, stating: *"After Great Britain had dominated for several matches, Australia is now the new international benchmark for Target Rifle team shooting!"*

At the 2024 event, Australia set a new record on the first day, but only held a narrow lead of two points over Great Britain, heading into Day 2. Wind conditions were calmer on the final day, which led to high scoring and several new records being set.

After five of the six distances were completed, Great Britain and Australia were tied on points. At the final 900m range, the Australian shooters held their nerves to take the win by 4 points.

Four Australians recorded maximum possible scores in the match with Brett McCauley of Canowindra, NSW setting a new benchmark with 450 points and 73 centre bulls from 90 shots.

About the Palma Match

The Palma match is a two-day competition for the Target Rifle Teams World Championship. In 2024, Teams from Australia, Canada, Germany, Great Britain, New Zealand, South Africa and the USA competed over distances of 700m, 800m and 900m each day. The Palma Match comprises of teams of 16 shooters split into four squads each under their own wind coach, who is responsible for making sight alterations to allow for the constant wind changes that occur across a Shooting Range. A Master Coach controls decisions on wind changes. The Team Captain and Manager control the firing point procedures.

Target shooting is one of the few international sports where experience and capability tends to favour the more mature athlete, and is a great sport for Australia's adult population to become involved and develop skills.

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TEAM MATCH: Palma 2024

TEAM NAME: Australia TEAM CAPTAIN: Damon Esler

SHOOTERS	SHOOTING										SCORE		TOTAL		GRAND TOTAL	
	SA	SB	SC	SD	SE	SF	SG	SH	SI	SJ	Points	Penalty	Points	Penalty	Points	Penalty
[Detailed match results table with columns for shooters, shooting stages, scores, and totals]																

