

Shooting National Record Holder Kuan-Ting Kuo Wins Another Gold Before Paris

Chung Yuan Christian University is hosting the National Intercollegiate Athletic Games 2023, and Chih-Kai Huang from Chung Yuan advanced to the finals of Division I shooting competition with 560 points at men's 10-meter air pistol qualification, winning the bronze medal at the finals with 239.5 points as the first person from Chung Yuan to win a medal at the National Intercollegiate Athletic Games this year.

Huang's score is only 0.2 point less than that of Hsiang-Wei Chou from National Quemoy University. Chou competed against Kuan-Ting Kuo from National Taiwan Sport University at the gold medal game, and Kuo ended up winning the gold medal 16:10.

Kuo scored 576 points at the qualification. Although he didn't break his personal and national record of 586 points and the game record 578 points, he still advanced to the finals as the first place, and scored 241.9 points at the finals. Eventually, he beat Chou at the gold medal game.

Kuo mentioned that he has prepared well, and was confident competing, but the results were still different from his standard. Thankfully his condition still remained at a certain level.

Kuo used to score 589 points at practices, and scored 578 points at the Rifle/Pistol World Championships in Egypt the other day, but only ranked 20 something at last.

"Although my performance was good enough to compete abroad," Kuo said. "the international competitiveness is not good enough. It should be more than 580 points average."

"No matter it's big competition or small competition," Kuo said. "I'm always nervous."

After the National Intercollegiate Athletic Games, Kuo is going to participate in the ISSF World Shooting Championships in Azerbaijan, and there's Asian Shooting Championships afterwards, hoping to win the qualification to participate in the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Kuo is undergoing the last phase of winning the representative status to compete at the Asian Games, and he hopes that he can be selected.

Chih-Kai Huang from Chung Yuan started practicing shooting since he was in junior high, and this is his seventh-year practicing shooting.

“I went to junior high school in Hsinchu.” Huang said. “My school was forming the varsity team at the time, and I thought it’s cool, so I gave it a try.”

Huang mentioned that he was at his tops when he was in his freshman and junior years, but faced some low points during his senior year. He adjusted his condition after entering college, and won medals at 2023 CTSA Ching Nien Cup Shooting Championships the other day.

“Coach gave me personal training schedules.” Huang said. “I follow the coach’s steps although there are some places that I haven’t done well.”

Huang’s outstanding performances also got other coaches’ attention.