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**Gong Earns 9th Place Finish in Air Pistol**

COLO SPRGS, CO (Aug. 31, 2021) – In his Paralympic Games debut, YanXiao Gong (Malibu, California) finished 9th in the P1 Men’s Air Pistol SH1 event Tuesday afternoon in Tokyo.

Gong’s qualifying round score of 563-17x left him one point shy of advancing to the medal round, where he would have qualified in 8th place based on x-count.

When asked about adjustments that led to his strong finish, Gong answered, “Instead of checking off and going over the mental list I’ve been going through, I just tried to enjoy it.”

Gong, the only U.S. pistol athlete competing at Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 has two additional opportunities to compete for a Paralympic Medal in the P3 (Mixed 25m Pistol SH1) and P4 (Mixed 50m Pistol SH1) events taking place September 2 and September 4 respectively.

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