

Australia's Robyn Van Nus (WA) has put in a brilliant performance in the women's 50m 3 position rifle event to finish fourth at the Sydney International Shooting Centre.

Van Nus, with a score of 583 out of 600, went into her first World Cup final just one point behind 2005 World Cup winner, China's Liuxi Wu. Third placed shooter, Snjezana Pejic from Croatia, will start four points behind Van Nus.

Van Nus has won this event twice at the Oceanian Championships (2003, 2007) but has never finished above 13th place at World Cup level (Beijing 2009).

As she began her first World Cup final, Van Nus was understandably nervous shooting a string of 8.9 9.3 and 8.7 over her first three shots, leaving her clinging to third spot.

With Wu having a stranglehold on the gold, there was a tight tussle for the final medal positions between Van Nus, Jamie Beyerle (USA) and Snjezana Pejic from Croatia.

With one shot to go, Van Nus held third position by 0.7 points over the Croatian. In heartbreaking fashion, Van Nus shot a 9.1 to a 10.5, relinquishing the Bronze.

China's Liuxi Wu won the Gold with a score of 681.3 over Beyerle with 680.2, Pejic on 678.7. Van Nus finishing with a final score of 678.0.

Van Nus said she was happy with her overall performance despite missing out on a medal with her final shot.

"I'd never made a World Cup final and to do so in front of my home crowd on my home range was a fantastic experience for me," Van Nus said.

"I was disappointed with my performance in the final but I can take a lot of encouragement out of today's performance."