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STORY HEADLINE: SOUTH AFRICA'S AMBER SCHLEBUSCH WINS WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL TRIATHLON GOLD AT SUMMER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

DATE: 7 October, 2018

LOCATION: Buenos Aires, Argentina

LANGUAGE: English

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STORY SCRIPT:

South Africa's Amber Schlebusch staged an exceptional comeback to claim triathlon gold at the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 on Sunday.

She chased down the early leaders Sif Bendix Madsen of Denmark and Switzerland's Anja Weber in the Argentine capital's Green Park to claim the victory.

The 17-year-old from Durban began the race with a very weak swimming segment, leaving the water in seventh position and 27 seconds behind the leaders.

She ended the second segment of the competition in eighth, and almost a minute behind Bendix Madsen, who led going into the final stage, the road run.

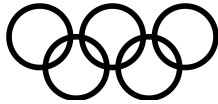
Schlebusch said: It feels really amazing. I still can't really believe it. I didn't expect to catch them on the run. I was so far behind so yes, it really does feel amazing and I'm really happy with how I raced. I think I executed it perfectly so yes, I'm happy."

For the women/men individual triathlon at the Summer Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Buenos Aires 2018 the distance for each of the segments is as follows: 750 metre open water swim, a 20,000 metres bicycle ride, and a 5,000 metres run.

The first athlete to complete the course is declared the winner.

Buenos Aires 2018 is the third edition of the Summer Youth Olympic Games (YOG) to be held, bringing together the world's best young athletes between the ages of 15 and 18. For the first time in Olympic history the Games will have gender equality, with equal numbers of males and females competing in the 32-sport programme.

Almost 4,000 athletes from 206 National Olympic Committees will be competing for 1,250 medals. The Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 feature new sports and many new



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disciplines and events, reflecting the passions of the 'Game Changers', a new generation of athletes and fans.

The event offers a glimpse into the future of the Games as the new programme will introduce several innovations that will be replicated at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

The first Summer Olympic Games took place in Singapore in 2010. The second edition was held in the Chinese city of Nanjing in 2014.

SHOTLIST:

00:00 Start of the swim

00:08 Various shots of the bike ride

00:15 Mid shot of bike ride

00:18 Amber Schlebusch takes the lead on the run

00:23 Amber Schlebusch wins the gold medal

00:33 SOUNDBITE: Amber Schlebusch, Gold medal winner triathlon (English Language)

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00:48 Gold medal being presented

00:57 Wide shot of the three medal winners

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