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STORY HEADLINE: BAPTISTE THIERY (FRA), ALEKSANDRA NACHEVA (BUL), TOPIAS LAINE (FIN) AND OWAAB BARROW (QAT) ALL WON GOLD MEDALS ON TUESDAY (16TH OCTOBER) THE FINAL DAY OF ATHLETICS AT THE YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES IN BUENOS AIRES

DATE: 16 October, 2018
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STORY SCRIPT:

France won their first gold medal in athletics at Buenos Aires 2018 when Baptiste Thiery produced a personal best performance in clearing 5.32 metres to win the men’s Pole Vault.

His gold medal goes alongside the silver he won at European Under-18 level earlier this year.

The silver medal went to Kazuki Furusawa of Japan who cleared 5.22 metres - also a personal best - while Dmitriy Kachanov took bronze with 5.12 metres.

The medals in the women's Triple Jump were hotly contested, with several key competitors performing well.

Eventually, the gold went to Aleksandra Nacheva of Bulgaria who recorded a jump of 13.86 metres with her second attempt of the session.

Maria Vincente of Spain put her under plenty of pressure, having opened with a leap of 13.67 metres, but she was unable to better that and had to settle for silver.

Bronze went to Mariya Privalova of Russia with her best of 13.03 metres.

The final event on the track was the men's 110 metre Hurdles and saw eight new personal best times across the three heats.

It was Owaab Barrow of Qatar who took the gold medal, winning the third stage two heat in a time of 13.17 seconds.

Silver went to Kenny Fletcher of France in 13.25 seconds while Lok Hei Addis Wong of Hong Kong completed the podium places after a run of 13.39 seconds.
The men's 700g Javelin gold medal went to Topias Laine of Finland.

Laine was third in the standings after stage one on Saturday, but threw a new personal best of 78.85 metres in stage two to secure the highest cumulative distance and take the gold medal.

Silver went to home hope Gustavo Agustin Osorio who had thrown a personal best of 76.03 metres in stage one.

He could only manage a best effort of 74.25 metres on Wednesday and had to settle for silver.

Bronze went to Martin Florian of the Czech Republic who atoned for his frustrating performances in stage one with a personal best of 76.24 metres - still trailing Osorio on accumulation.

Jano Esterhuizen of South Africa had led the standings after stage one, after throwing a personal best of 77.69 metres, but he faded badly on stage two and suffered two fouls before a modest best effort of 65.59 metres to finish 11th overall.

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

SHOTLIST:

00:04 Close shot of Owaab Barrow being introduced before the 110m hurdles race
00:07 Wide shot of the start of the race
00:13 Close shot of Owaab Barrow clearing the hurdles
00:15 Wide shot of the end of the race
00:18 Close shot of Owaab Barrow celebrating the win and highlighting Qatar on his kit
00:23 Shot of Owaab Barrow stepping onto the podium
00:28 Shot of Owaab Barrow receiving his gold medal
00:35 Shot of the medallists holding up their medals

00:39 SOUNDBITE: Owaab Barrow, Men's 110m Hurdles Champion (Arabic Language) [on how competitive his opponents were]

"منافسة كانت قوية. و الحمد لله، نجحت اني أطوفهم وأجيب السيدالية الذهبية. فهذا كان انجاز كبير جداً!"
The competition was tough. Thank God, I won the race and won the gold medal. This was a great achievement.

00:50 Shot of Topias Laine throwing the javelin
01:04 Shot of Topias Laine celebrating with the Finnish flag
01:08 Shot of Topias Laine stepping onto the podium
01:12 Shot of Topias Laine being awarded the gold medal
01:17 Shot of the medallists on the podium

01:22 SOUNDBITE: Topias Laine, Men’s 700g Javelin Champion (Finnish Language)
[on winning the gold medal]
"Mä en oikeen osaa sanoa, et miltä musta tuntuu. Mä oon vaan täl hetkel todella todella iloinen."
I don't really know how to explain how I'm feeling. I'm just extremely happy right now.

01:29 Shot of Baptiste Thiery vaulting and then celebrating
01:42 Shot of Baptiste Thiery hugging in celebration
01:49 Shot of Baptiste Thiery stepping onto the podium
01:53 Shot of Baptiste Thiery being awarded his gold medal
01:57 Shot of the medallists holding their gold medals

02:00 SOUNDBITE: Baptiste Thiery, Men’s Pole Vault Champion (French Language)
[on if he expected to do this well]
"Alors, avant la 2ème session, je ne m'y attendais franchement pas à cette médaille d'or, parce que j'étais en mauvaise posture, mais j'étais quand même en posture d'outsider, et j'ai tout donné pour cette médaille d'or, franchement tout donné, et à entraînement, je me suis mis vraiment au boulot, pour justement avoir cette médaille d'or."
Well before the second session, I really didn't expect this gold medal at all, because I was not well positioned, I was still positioned as an outsider, and I gave everything I had for this gold medal, and frankly, when I was training, I really worked hard, with the aim of getting this gold medal.

02:20 Shot of Aleksandra Nacheva jumping and celebrating
02:34 Shot of Aleksandra Nacheva hugging her coach
02:38 Shot of Aleksandra Nacheva stepping onto the podium
02:41 Shot of Aleksandra Nacheva being awarded her gold medal
02:45 Shot of the medallists with their medals

02:50 SOUNDBITE: Aleksandra Nacheva, Women’s Triple Jump Champion (Belarusian Language) [on how hard she worked to be ready for the competition]
“Я рады за залаты медаль, і я думаю, што маё наступнае дасягненне будзе золатам у Токіо, усё было добра, і я рады,”
I am happy with the gold medal, and I think that my next achievement will be gold in Tokyo, everything was fine and I am happy

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