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STORY HEADLINE: JAPAN DOMINATE KARATE WITH ONE GOLD AND TWO SILVER MEDALS AT YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018. EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA TAKE OTHER GOLDS.

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STORY SCRIPT:

Japan dominated the first day of finals in the Karate at the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018, picking up a gold and two silver medals.

Their first gold came in the women’s Kumite -59Kg category, where Kokoro Sakaji beat Russia’s Anna Chemyushева 3-0.

In the women’s Kumite -53Kg Egypt’s Yasmin Nasr Elgewily beat Rinka Tahata of Japan 2-1.

In the men’s Kumite -61Kg Mohammed Ayed Al Assiri of Saudi Arabia beat Japan’s beat Masaki Yamaoka 8-0.

The final three Karate categories will be decided on Thursday, the final day of the Games.

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 Sequence of shots showing Mohammed Ayed Al Assiri in action
00:24 Mohammed Ayed Al Assiri being announced as the winner
00:29 Shot of Mohammed Ayed Al Assiri hugging his coach

00:33 SOUNDBITE: Mohammed Ayed Al Assiri, Men’s Kumite -61Kg Champion (Arabic Language)

"It was a great feeling. I have won the gold medal for the first time in the history of Saudi sport. I am proud of this great achievement. I would like to thank my coach and my family who contributed to this achievement."

00:54 Al Assiri stepping onto the podium
00:57 Shot of Mohammed Ayed Al Assiri being awarded his gold medal

01:04 SOUNDBITE: Mohammed Ayed Al Assiri, Men’s Kumite -61Kg Champion (Arabic Language)

"This medal means a lot to me. I had been practicing hard for ten years. In the past three years, I have been working intensely in the hope of achieving this achievement. It was a dream for me."

01:22 Mohammed Ayed Al Assiri during the national anthem and the flag being raised
01:29 Shot of Mohammed Ayed Al Assiri applauding

01:32 SOUNDBITE: Mohammed Ayed Al Assiri, Men’s Kumite -61Kg Champion (Arabic Language)

"This is a good feeling! Frankly, I am proud of this achievement. This crowning is the result of days and nights of practice and hard work. Thank God!"

01:52 Shot of the medallists holding up their medals

01:56 SOUNDBITE: Mohammed Ayed Al Assiri, Men’s Kumite -61Kg Champion (Arabic Language)

"The Competition was tough, very tough! Thank God, I managed to beat the competitors, and again, the competition was very tough."

02:10 Sequence of shots showing Yasmin Nasr Elgewily in action
02:19 Shot showing Yasmin Nasr Elgewily being announced as the winner
02:24 Close shot of the crowd celebrating
02:26 Shot of Yasmin Nasr Elgewily celebrating and hugging her coach
02:36 Yasmin Nasr Elgewily stepping onto the podium
02:41 Shot of Yasmin Nasr Elgewily being awarded her gold medal

02:48 SOUNDBITES: Yasmin Nasr Elgewily, Women’s Kumite -53kg Champion (Egyptian Language)

I am Yasmin Nasr Elgewily, Egyptian Karate player

02:53 Shot of the Egyptian flag being raised and Yasmin Nasr Elgewily during the national anthem

03:00 SOUNDBITES: Yasmin Nasr Elgewily, Women’s Kumite -53kg Champion (Egyptian Language)

I am very happy with this achievement. This was my dream, thank God who helped me raise the Egyptian flag high. I hope to play in the professional Olympics. I hope to be a professional karate player someday.

03:13 Close shot of Yasmin Nasr Elgewily smiling with her gold medal

03:17 SOUNDBITES: Yasmin Nasr Elgewily, Women’s Kumite -53kg Champion (Egyptian Language)

I do not know how to describe my feeling of winning the gold medal, because that is the dream I was trying to achieve.

03:24 Shot of Yasmin Nasr Elgewily smiling with her medal

03:27 SOUNDBITES: Yasmin Nasr Elgewily, Women’s Kumite -53kg Champion (Egyptian Language)

I have been waiting for this moment for a while, and thank God, my dream has come true. I am very happy with this win.

03:35 Wide shot of the medallists on the podium

03:38 SOUNDBITES: Yasmin Nasr Elgewily, Women’s Kumite -53kg Champion (Egyptian Language)

I was fighting with all my strength because this was my goal since the beginning of the Olympics, to win the gold medal. All I was thinking about was the gold medal, so I played with all my strength and did not underestimate my opponents. Indeed, competition was very tough.

03:51 Sequence of shots showing Kokoro Sakaji in action
04:14 Shot showing Kokoro Sakaji being announced as the winner and hugging her coach
04:20 SOUNDBITE: Kokoro Sakaji, Women’s Kumite -59kg Champion (Japanese Language)
“こういう大きい大会で優勝する経験をしたことがなくて、今とても嬉しいです。”
I have never won a big competition like this before, and I feel very delighted.

04:29 Shot showing Kokoro Sakaji stepping onto the podium

04:34 SOUNDBITE: Kokoro Sakaji, Women’s Kumite -59kg Champion (Japanese Language)
“これからの成長につながる第一歩としての金メダルだと思っています。”
This gold medal is the first step to improve my personal development.

04:44 Shot showing Kokoro Sakaji being awarded her gold medal

04:52 SOUNDBITE: Kokoro Sakaji, Women’s Kumite -59kg Champion (Japanese Language)
“競技自体が最終日ということで、二週間長い間、選手村とかで練習をしてきて、勝ちにこだわるというよりかは、楽しんで試合をするということ、目標にありました。”
It is the last competition day today. I have trained in the athlete's village for the past two weeks, and placed an emphasis on enjoying the game rather than preoccupation with winning games.

05:15 Shot of the medallists on the podium during the national anthem and the Japanese flag being raised

05:22 SOUNDBITE: Kokoro Sakaji, Women’s Kumite -59kg Champion (Japanese Language)
“すごく気持ちがよくて、頑張ってよかったなと思いました。”
I dedicated myself to the game, and I feel so good.

05:30 Shot of the medallists holding up their medals

05:30 SOUNDBITE: Kokoro Sakaji, Women’s Kumite -59kg Champion (Japanese Language)
“お父さんとお母さんと、お兄ちゃんと、あとは教えてくださった先生方やコーチ・監督とかに伝えたいと思います。”
I am going to tell my parents, my brother, the teachers and the coaches who helped me learn a lot.

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