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STORY HEADLINE: GOLD FOR DENMARK IN WOMEN’S CYCLING COMBINED TEAM EVENT WHILE KAZAKHSTAN WIN THE MEN’S EVENT AT BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

Denmark’s women’s and Kazakhstan’s men won their respective Cycling Combined Team Event at Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018.

In this competition, both riders in the team compete in three road cycling types, Road Racer RR, Criterium, Team Time Trial (TTT) and two Mountain Bike Race types: Cross-Country Eliminator (XCE) and Cross Country Short Circuit (XCC)

Over these disciplines the Danish women’s team of Sofia Pederson and Mia Saabye amassed 376 points, their strongest performances being in both Cross Country stages and the Time Trial. Their Criterium, the final event, was poor but that didn’t prevent them from winning gold.

Silver medallists from Austria, Laura Stigger and Hannah Streicher finished on 355 points. Bronze went to Hungary’s Virag Buzsaki and Blanka Vas.

Kazakhstan’s men’s cycling team of Gleb Brussenskiy and Yavgeniy Fedorov easily won the Men’s Combined Team Event. They were the strongest in the Team Time, Trial, the Road Race, and the Criterium, building up a total of 418 points. Their nearest rivals from Luxembourg were only able to muster 276 points. The bronze went to Great Britain.

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:

00:02 Multiple action shots of the Women’s combined team event
00:22 Shot of Denmark’s Women’s combined team event champions celebrating

00:27 SOURDBITE: Mie Saabye, Denmark, Women’s Combined Team Event Champion (Danish Language)
“Det betyder sindssyg meget. Det er bare sindssygt stort og jeg tror alle er glade derhjemme, at vi kunne holde den til sidstedagen her, så det er bare sindssygt stort.”
It means so much. It's just so big and I think everyone is happy back home that we were able to hold out until the last day, so it's just so big.

00:40 Close shot of the Denmark’s Women’s Combined Team Event Champions

00:45 SOURDBITE: Mie Saabye, Denmark, Women’s Combined Team Event Champion (Danish Language)
“Jamen, øhh, vi kom... vi satte os selv nogle, hvad skal man sige, nogle realistiske mål om ja, top 5, top 8, og så er det bare stort at stå med guldmedaljen nu, så det er bare sindssygt fedt.”
Well, ehm, we came... we set ourselves some goals, what should one say, some realistic goals about reaching, yes, top 5, top 8, and then it's just so amazing to stand with the gold medal now, so that is just so nice.

00:59 Shot of the Kazakhstan’s Men’s combined team event champions before the race
01:11 Multiple shots of the Men’s combined team event

01:25 SOURDBITE: Gleb Brussenskiy, Kazakhstan, Men’s Combined Team Event Champion (Kazakh Language)
"Ну, это, во первых, командная работа. Мы как сказать лучшие друзья с одного города. Можно сказать как брат с братом. И вот командная работа, командное действие и все получается. Верим друг другу.”
Well, this is firstly, teamwork. We are best friends from one city. Like brothers. So, teamwork, team action, and everything works out. We believe each other.

01:41 Multiple shots of the Men’s combined team event
01:49 Shot of Gleb Brussenskiy being awarded his Gold medal

01:54 SOURDBITE: Yevgeniy Fedorov, Kazakhstan, Men’s Combined Team Event Champion (Kazakh Language)
“Я, конечно, очень рад, что мы выиграли с моим напарником. Мы готовились к этому целый год. Старались, эмоции зашкаливает”
Of course, I am very happy to win with my partner. We have been preparing for this for a whole year. We tried, emotions are running high.

02:03 Shot of Yevgeniy Fedorov being awarded his Gold medal

**02:08 SOUNDBITE:** Yevgeniy Fedorov, Kazakhstan, Men’s Combined Team Event Champion (Kazakh Language)

"Мы доверили тренеру, он нас тренировал. Он говорил в тройке должны быть обязательно, но мы выиграли. Мы конечно очень сильно рады."

We trusted the coach, he coached us. He spoke we have to be in the top three, but we won. Of course, we are very happy.

02:17 Men’s combined team event medalists posing for a photo

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