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STORY HEADLINE: WEIGHTLIFTING GOLD FOR VENEZUELA'S KATHERIN ORIANA ECHANDIA ZARATE IN WOMEN’S 44KG AND VIETNAM’S SON DINH NGO IN MEN’S 56 KG AT BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

Katherin Oriana Echandia Zarate of Venezuela became the first weightlifter to win a Summer Youth Olympic Gold medal at Buenos Aires 2018.

Echandia Zarate, 17, won the 44 kg category. Until now the highlight of her career was becoming the South American champion in the same event. She is from the Venezuelan city of Valencia.

The men’s 56 kg category was won by Son Dinh Ngo of Vietnam. The 17-year-old beat Thailand’s Natthawat Chomchuen in the final held in the ‘Europe Pavilion’ of the Youth Olympic Park.

For the Weightlifting competition at the Games each category event consists of two parts, the Snatch and the Clean and Jerk with generally a ten minute break between the two. The best results achieved (in Kilograms) are added to a total, which determines the athletes’ ranking.

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

SHOTLIST:

00:02 Action of Katherin Oriana Echandia Zarate of Venezuela's last lift of 72kg to secure the Youth Olympic Gold Medal in the Women's 44kg Weightlifting competition.
00:11 Shots of her celebrating with her coach after her win.
00:16 Close up of the crowd cheering on the winner.
00:17 Katherin Oriana Echandia Zarate receives her Youth Olympic Gold Medal in the Women's 44kg Weightlifting competition.
00:32 Close up of Zarate waving to the crowd with her gold medal

00:39 SOUNDBITE: Katherin Oriana Echandia Zarate, Women’s 44kg Youth Olympic Champion. (Spanish Language)
“Bueno, primero es dar las gracias a Dios porque me ha dado esta oportunidad y la verdad es que es un orgullo llevar la medalla olímpica de oro a mi país. De verdad que estoy muy orgullosa. Y la emoción es inexplicable.”
Well, in the first place I would like to thank God for giving me this opportunity and really there is so much pride in bringing the Olympic gold medal to my country. Really I am very proud. The emotion is unexplainable.

00:52 Slow motion footage of Katherin Oriana Echandia Zarate's winning lift and her celebration.

00:58 SOUNDBITE Katherin Oriana Echandia Zarate, Women’s 44kg Weightlifting Youth Olympic Champion (Spanish Language)
“Bueno, tener una preparación muy buena. Y desde que llegue aquí dije que venía con todas las fuerzas y poner la Venezuela en lo alto y eso es que hice.”
Well, to be very well prepared. Since I arrived here I was saying I came very strong and wanting to put Venezuela on the top, and that's what I did.

01:07 Slow motion footage of Katherin Oriana Echandia Zarate’s winning lift

01:14 SOUNDBITE Katherin Oriana Echandia Zarate, Women’s 44kg Weightlifting Competition (Spanish Language)
“Sí. Sin duda ha sido una de las mejores y donde he hecho mis mejores marcas.”
Yes. Without a doubt it was one of the best ones, and I got the best results.

01:18 Close up of the three medalists on the podium with slow zoom into Champion Zarate
01:28 SOUNDBITE Katherin Oriana Echandia Zarate, Women’s 44kg Weightlifting Competition (Spanish Language)

“Bueno. Es un espíritu de fuerza, de guerra, de luchar, de conseguir una medalla para el país y ponerlo en lo alto.”

Well. It is a spirit of strength, of war, of fighting, to achieve a medal for the country and get to the top.

01:36 Son Dinh Ngo’s winning lift of 148kg in the Men’s 56kg Weightlifting competition and his celebration

01:51 Son Dinh Ngo celebrates his win in the Youth Olympic Men’s 56kg Weightlifting competition with his coach

01:52 SOUNDBITE Son Dinh Ngo, Men’s 56kg Weightlifting Youth Olympic Champion (Vietnamese Language)

“Đả em cảm thấy rất vui, rất là mừng khi mà em đã giành được tấm huy chương và vượt qua chính mình.”

I am very happy, very glad that I have won the medal and surpassed myself.

02:00 Various slow motion shots of his winning lift

02:10 SOUNDBITE, Son Dinh Ngo, Youth Olympic Men’s 56kg Weightlifting Champion (Vietnamese Language)

“Em vượt qua chính bạn thân em, đó là đối thủ mạnh nhất của em.”

I have surpassed myself, which is my strongest opponent.

02:14 Slow motion footage of his celebration

02:17 SOUNDBITE, Son Dinh Ngo, Men’s 56kg Weightlifting Youth Olympic Champion. (Vietnamese Language)

“Em sẽ cố gắng. Chắc đây sẽ là cột mốc và em sẽ cố gắng trong các giải sắp tới.”

I will try. This may be a milestone and I will try my best in the upcoming tournaments.

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