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STORY HEADLINE: RUSSIA WIN GOLD IN WOMEN’S BEACH VOLLEYBALL, SWEDEN WIN MEN’S BEACH VOLLEYBALL AT YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

Finals day of the Beach Volleyball at Buenos Aires 2018 ended with Russia’s women and Sweden’s men celebrating gold at the Youth Olympic Games.

The Russian pair of Maria Voronina, who is 18 and 16-year-old Maria Bocharova won in straight sets 21-19, 21-19, beating the Italian pairing of Claudia Scampoli and Nicol Bertozzi. Bronze went to Norway.

In the men’s Gold Medal Match Sweden beat the Netherlands in straight sets. The 17-year-olds David Ahman and Jonatan Hellvig were embroiled in a tight 1st set against the Dutch pairing of Matthew Immers and Yonck de Groot but eventually won 22-20. They easily won the second, 21-15. Argentina won bronze.

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 Multiple action shots of Women’s Beach Volleyball final
00:23 The Russian Women’s Beach Volleyball team celebrate their victory
00:28 Shot of Russian team being awarded their Gold medal
00:31 Wide shot of the Women’s Beach Volleyball podium

00:35 SOUNDBITE: Maria Voronina, Russia, Women’s Beach Volleyball Champion (Russian Language)
“Для нас это большая честь. Это один из самых важных соревнований на данном возрасте, мы очень рады и счастливы, что заняли первое место.”
This is a great honor for us. This is one of the most important competitions for our age range, we are very glad and happy that we won first place.

00:47 Multiple action shots of Men’s Beach Volleyball final
01:10 Shot of Swedish team celebrating after the match
01:14 Shot of Swedish champions stepping up onto the podium
01:19 Shot of Swedish team being awarded their Gold medal

01:24 SOUNDBITE: David Ahman, Sweden, Men’s Beach Volleyball Champion (Swedish Language)
"Ja, vi spelade bra! Dom spelade också jätte bra men vi gjorde färre misstag. Det var väl det som avgjorde."
Yes, we played good! They also played very well but we made fewer mistakes. That is what made a difference.

01:35 SOUNDBITE: Jonatan Hellvig, Sweden, Men’s Beach Volleyball Champion (Swedish Language)
"Ja, jag håller med David. Jag tror att vi gjorde lite färre misstag men vi hade också väldigt bra servrar på dom så det kan ha vart en del till varför vi vann."
Yes, I agree with David. I think we made fewer mistakes and we also had very good serves on them so that may have been the reason why we won.

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