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STORY HEADLINE: ARGENTINA'S MEN TAKE YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BASKETBALL 3x3 GOLD IN FRONT OF THOUSANDS AT URBAN PARK IN DOWNTOWN BUENOS AIRES. USA WIN WOMEN'S EVENT

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STORY SCRIPT:

There was an electric atmosphere in the Urban Park as Argentina took gold in men's Basketball 3x3 at the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2108.

They beat Belgium 20-15 in what was the perfect showcase for the IOC's stated intention to take sport to the people rather than people having to go to the sport.

Thousands of fans crammed around the court in downtown Buenos Aires to watch the hosts crowned Youth Olympic Champions.

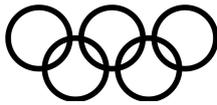Slovenia claimed bronze with a 21-13 win over Ukraine.

In the women's event, gold went to USA after they beat France 18-4 in a one-sided final.

Australia took bronze thanks to victory over China.

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 Action of Men's Basketball 3x3 final
00:12 Shots of the Argentine crowd
00:17 Multiple shots of the end of the game and the celebration
00:34 Multiple shots of Argentine team being awarded their Gold medal

00:53   SOUNDBITE: Fausto Ruesga, Winner, Men's Basketball 3x3 (Spanish Language)
"La verdad que es una felicidad inmensa. Lograr ganar este campeonato, todo este torneo con la seleccion. La verdad que siento mucha satisfacción. Lograr algo con la selección argentina es algo especial, pero lograr oro en los Juegos Olímpicos aqui es aun algo mucho mas especial."
It brought us immense happiness to win this championship, this tournament with the National Team. I really feel very satisfied. To achieve anything with the Argentine National Team is something special but to win an Olympic Games being the host, it is something much more special.

01:10 Wide shot of the medalists on the podium

01:15 SOUNDBITE: Marco Giordano, Winner, Men's Basketball 3x3 (Spanish Language)
"La verdad vi cuando el partido se nos estaba dando para nosotros, que la gente también lo sentía, nos apoyaba y cuando logramos una pequeña ventaja, estábamos a 18 a no se cuanto... y después metimos el punto numero 20 estuvimos un poco confiados. Y yo tenia una confianza en mi tremenda."
I realised that when the match was looking favourable to us, the crowd also knew it and they were supporting us when we had a small advantage. We reached the 18 points and after that 20, with little time left. I was not quite sure [of what would happen] but I had a lot of confidence in myself.

01:38 Shot of the end of the Women's Basketball 3x3 final and the celebration
01:50 Shot of US team being awarded their Gold medal
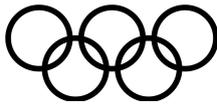01:55 Shot of the US team singing the national anthem
02:07 Shot of the medalists National flags
02:09 Wide shot of the medalists listening to the US anthem

02:12 SOUNDBITE: Aliyah Boston, Winner, Women's Basketball 3x3 (English Language)
"I kind of thought that no matter what, we were coming out with gold, but you can't ever let that get you over confident because the game of 3 on 3, people might think it's simple but so much like hit a couple of twos here or there, it could be a tight game anytime. So I'm glad that we stayed focused and we just kept going. It was great."

02:32 Close shot of the US champions

02:38 SOUNDBITE: Hailey van Lith, Winner, Women's Basketball 3x3 (English Language)
"I think that we felt the energy turn after we got a steal and a bucket and then another bucket. And it was just like the crowd was worrying and on our side and we felt that we couldn't miss, so I think that was probably [an extra] point [for us]."

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