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STORY HEADLINE: BOXING GOLD MEDALS FOR UZBEKISTAN, RUSSIA, ITALY AND GREAT BRITAIN ON THE FINAL DAY OF THE YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT: Uzbekistan, Russia, Italy and Great Britain won Boxing Gold medals on the final day of the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018.

Abdumalik Khalokov of Uzbekistan took the Gold medal in the Men’s Bantam weight category. Khalokov beat Maksym Halinichev of the Ukraine 5-0 in the Gold medal bout. The Bronze medal went to Argentina’s Mirco Jeheil-Cuello.

In the Men’s Welter-weight category, there was yet another Gold medal for Russia. Lilia Popov of Russia took Gold, winning the final bout 4-1. The Silver medal went to Talgat Shaiken of Kazakhstan while Hassan Asim of Great Britain won Bronze.

Great Britain won their second Boxing Gold medal of the Games in the Men’s Light Heavyweight category. Seventeen year old Karol Itauma beat Ruslan Kolesnikov of Russia 4-1 on a decision, to take the Gold medal. Timur Mejanov of Uzbekistan won his country’s second boxing medal of the day, taking Bronze.

Martina La Piana of Italy beat Adijat Gbadamosi of Nigeria to claim the Women’s Flyweight Gold. La Piana won the bout 5-0 the Bronze medal went to Heaven Destiny Garcia of the USA.

Caroline Sara Dubois of Great Britain won the final boxing Gold medal of the Youth Olympic Games and the second gold medal of the day for Britain, beating Porntip Buapa of Thailand 5-0 in the Women’s Lightweight bout. Oriana Saputo of Argentina took the 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:

00:02 Action of the final fight in the Men’s Bantam weight category.
00:16 Abdumalik is announced as the Gold medal winner.
00:20 Close up of the crowd with the Uzbekistan flag.
00:24 Khalokow celebrates in the ring.
00:31 Abdumalin receives his Gold medal.

00:38 SOUNDBITE: Khalokov Abdumalik, Uzbekistan, Men’s Bantam Champion (Uzbek Language)
“Albatta, men shohsupaga chiqqanimda, qalbimdan ko’plab hislar o’tdi. Men judayam baxtiyorman, chunki shu yo’l bilan men o’z xalqimni, millatimni tanitdim, bayrog’imizning yuqori ko’tarilgani men uchun baxt”
When I was on the podium I felt many emotions, I was very happy to represent my nation in this way and to see my flag raised.

00:59 Action of the Men’s Light Welter final fight.
01:13 Llia is announced as the winner of the fight.
01:18 Close view of Russian fans celebrating.
01:21 Popov receives the Gold medal.

01:25 SOUNDBITE: Illia Popov, Men’s Light Welter Champion (Russian Language)
"Это означает для меня многое. Я очень благодарен господу Богу за эту победу, потому что это самые важные соревнования для нашего возраста – в этом году были."
It means a lot to me. I am very grateful to God for this victory, because this is the most important competition for our age.

01:35 Action of the Men’s Light Heavyweight final fight.
01:56 Itauma is announced as the winner of the fight.
02:04 Close up of Karol receiving the gold medal.

02:11 SOUNDBITE: Karol Itauma, Men’s Light Heavy Champion (English Language)
“So the final fight for me was a tough one, going a few months back at the European Championships the Russian beat me, he beat me in the final. I was heartbroken, at the Euros it was my first loss in two years and for me to come back here and train, train hard, keep focussed and come here and beat him is just... all the hard work has been worth it.”
02:39 Multiple action shots of the Women's Fly Final
02:48 Shots of the Italian Women’s Fly Champion, Martina La Piana, celebrating
02:57 Shot of La Piana being awarded her Gold medal
03:04 Shot of the Italian Champion biting her medal

03:07 SOUNDBITE: Martina La Piana, Women’s Fly Champion (Italian Language)
“Mi sono allenata tantissimo. Sono stata fuori casa per tutto l'anno in nazionale. Eeeh grazie ai miei maestri mi sono allenata al top, sono arrivata qua una freccia, e ho battuto le avversarie più forti del torneo.”
I have trained a lot, I have been away from home all year, with the national team. Thanks to my coaches I had an excellent training. I felt very fast and I beat the strongest opponent of the tournament.

03:23 Multiple action shots of Women’s Light Final
03:31 Caroline Sara Dubois is announced as the winner of the fight
03:36 Shot of the British crowd celebrating
03:38 Close shot of Dubois’s coach
03:40 Shot of the British Champion being awarded her Gold medal
03:46 Shot of the medalists posing for photo

03:51 SOUNDBITE: Caroline Sara Dubois, Women’s Light Champion (English Language)
“I guess I was coming here the number one but I wasn’t underestimating anyone. If you see me in training I was 100% focussed and there couldn’t be anything more that I could have done and I was just ready for it.”

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