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STORY HEADLINE: KARATE GOLD MEDAL GLORY FOR QUENTIN MAHAUDEN (BEL), ANNIKA SAEILD (NOR) AND NAVID MOHAMMADI (IRI) ON THE FINAL DAY OF THE YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT: Three Karate gold medals were awarded on the final day of the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires.

Quentin Mahauden of Belgium won the men’s Kumite -68kg gold beating Moroccan athlete Yassine Sekouri 1-0 in the final bout.

Rosario Ruggiero of Italy and Abilmansur Batyrgali of Kazakhstan won a bronze medal each.

There was gold for Norway in the Women’s Lumite +59kg when Annika Saelid beat Sakura Sawashima of Japan 3-0. Sawashima had to settle for silver while Lauren Salisbury of Great Britain and Negin Altooni of Iran both won bronze medals.

The final Karate content of the Youth Olympic Games was for the men’s Kumite +68kg. Navid Mohammadi of Iran beat Nabil Ech-Chaabi of Morocco to win the gold medal with Sean Crean of Ireland and Enes Bulut of Turkey each winning 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 Men’s Kumite 68kg final fight
00:05 Wide shoot of the Men’s Kumite 68kg final fight
00:11 Close shoot of the Men’s Kumite 68kg final fight
00:14 Wide view of the fight between Belgian and Kazakh fighters.
00:22 The Gold medal is decided in Men’s Kumite 68kg final fight
00:32 Belgian fighter Quentin Mahauden celebrates his victory.
00:45 Close view of Quentin Mahauden and his coach celebrating.
00:52 Action of Mahauden stepping onto the podium and receiving the gold medal.
01:01 Action of the four medal winners onto the podium.

01:05 SOUNDbite: Quentin Mahauden, Men’s Kumite 68kg Champion (French Language).

"C’est un rêve accompli, parce que, depuis que je fais du karaté c’est un rêve, en plus c’est la première fois que le karaté est aux Jeux Olympiques, donc c’est vraiment un rêve qui vient de se réaliser."

It's a dream come true, because it’s been a dream since I’ve started karate. Moreover, it's the first time karate is in the Olympic Games, so it’s truly a dream come true.

01:30 Action of the Women’s Kumite +59kg Final Bout
01:38 The athletes congratulate each other
01:49 Silver medal winner Sakura Sawashima presents Annika Saelid to the crowd
01:54 Close up of the crowd
01:55 Annika Saelid hugs her coach
01:59 Annika Saelid receives her Gold medal
02:05 The medallists pose for photos on the podium

02:11 SOUNDbite: Annika Saelid, Women’s Kumite +59kg Karate Champion (English Language).

“It means pretty much to me. Before I got here I had a really tough time, my brother got cancer and he was doing karate as well and I said to him that I wanted to win this medal for him, so it is not only for me but for him too, so it means a lot to me.”

02:27 Action from the Men’s +68kg Kumite Karate Gold medal bout
02:55 Navid Mohammadi celebrates his win
02:59 Navid Mohammadi steps up onto the podium
03:04 Mohammadi receives his Gold medal

03:07 SOUNDbite: Navid Mohammadi, Men’s +68kg Karate Champion (Persian Language).

" فقط احساس میکردم که باید طلا را بگیرم و وقتی طلا را گرفتم فهمیدم که من میتوانم بهتر از این هم باشم و انسانیت در المپیک بزرگسالان ایکنیک را دوباره میکنم."

I just felt that I had to get the gold medal, and when I got it, I realized that I could be better than that, and I would do it again at the adult Olympics.
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