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STORY HEADLINE: UKRAINE'S KATERINYA CHORNIY AND ITALY'S DAVIDE DI VEROLI WIN GOLD IN EPEE INDIVIDUAL FENCING AT BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

Ukraine's Katerinya Chorniy beat reigning Junior World Champion Kaylin Sin Yan Hsieh of Hong Kong to win gold in the Women's Epee at the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018.

In a tight bout, Chorniy eventually won through 11-9 denying Hsieh the chance adding Olympic gold to her World crown.

The bronze medal went to Veronika Bieleszova of the Czech Republic, who had edged to victory in beating Axelle Waziak of Belgium 9-8 earlier in the day.

In the men's final, two-time under-17 World Champion Davide di Veroli of Italy was the favourite to take the title.

His final opponent was Paul Veltrup of Germany.

Despite a valiant effort from Veltrup, di Veroli was too strong and took an 11-4 win to capture the gold medal.

The battle for the bronze medal had been fiercely contested, with Khasan Baudonov of Kyrgyzstan eventually prevailing after seeing off a sustained challenge from Mohamed Elsayed of Egypt 14-13.

Fencing has been a mainstay of the Olympic roster since the modern Games began in 1896.

The women's individual sabre and then men's individual foil medals with both be decided on Tuesday at the third Summer Youth Olympic Games.
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 Women’s Epee Final
00:07 Shots of the Katerinya Chorniy’s winning moment and her screaming celebration
00:19 Katerinya Chorniy takes to the podium to receive her gold medal

**00:24 SOUNDBITE:** Katerinya Chorniy, Women’s Epee Youth Olympic Champion (Ukrainian Language)
“Я дуже дуже рада тому що це дуже неочікуване золото, і це дуже класно.”
I am very very happy, because it is a very unexpected gold and it is very cool.

00:33 Footage of Katerinya Chorniy on the podium
00:35 Close up of Katerinya Chorniy receiving her Youth Olympic Gold Medal.

**00:39 SOUNDBITE:** Katerinya Chorniy, Women’s Epee Youth Olympic Champion (Ukrainian Language)
“Перемогу над собою. Ця медаль означає для мене перемогу над собою.”
Victory over myself. This medal means to me the victory over myself.

00:45 Katerinya Chorniy showing off her Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games 2018 mascot and biting her Gold Medal.

**00:54 SOUNDBITE:** Katerinya Chorniy, Women’s Epee Youth Olympic Champion (Ukrainian Language)
“Це було дійсно дуже тяжко потрапити сюди, тому що я не пройшла головний відбір, тільки потім мене вже як добирали, і це був для мене такий невеликий шанс для того щоб виграти медаль і тому я дуже рада що я скористалася цим шансом.”
It was really hard to get here because I didn't pass the main selection, only then was I chosen and it was such a unique chance for me to win a medal and so I'm very glad that I took this chance.

01:11 Shots of the winning move confirming Italian Davide di Veroli as Men’s Epee Youth Olympic Champion
01:27 SOUNDBITE Davide di Veroli, Men's Epee Youth Olympic Champion (Italian Language)

“ehe, mi sono allenato molto, mi sono allenato molto, ehe per questa gara e mi sento molto bene e sono molto molto contento.”

I trained a lot for this competition. I feel very good and I'm really happy.

01:39 di Veroli receives his Youth Olympic Gold Medal

01:43 SOUNDBITE Davide di Veroli, Men's Epee Youth Olympic Champion (Italian Language)

“Significa veramente molto perché, mmmm, diciamo dietro questa medaglia c'è il lavoro svolto sia con i miei compagni di sala, sia con i miei maestri, ma allo stesso tempo con il mio mental coach ed i miei genitori.”

This medal really means a lot. It is the result of all the work done with my teammates, my coaches, my mental coach and my parents.

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