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STORY HEADLINE: SELEKAITE BRINGS LITHUANIA THEIR FIRST MEDAL OF YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018 IN THRILLING 50 METRES BREASTSTROKE

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STORY SCRIPT:

Lithuania’s Agne Selekaite won gold in the Women’s 50m breaststroke to claim their first medal of the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 by the narrowest of margins.

Selekaite took gold in a time of 31.37, beating Australia’s Chelsea Hodges by just 0.05 seconds. Slovenia’s Tina Selek claimed bronze.

Hungary’s Blanka Berecz won the Women’s 200m Butterfly in a time of 2.10.37, almost 1.5 seconds ahead of Dune Coetzee of South Africa. Michaela Ryan of Australia was third.

Hungary also struck gold in the Men’s 200m Freestyle. Kristof Milak (1.47.73) finished ahead of Sweden’s Robin Hansen and Denis Loktev of Israel.

China’s Jiajun Sun won the Men’s 100m Breaststroke in a time of 1.00.59. Kyrgyztsan’s Denis Petrashev claimed silver and Japan’s Taku Taniguchi bronze.

The Women’s 100m backstroke final was won by Russia’s Daria Vaskina. In a tight finish her time of 1.00.45 was 0.13 second ahead of silver medallist Kaylee MacKeown, who in turn was 0.15 second ahead of Rhyan White of the USA.

Norway’s Tomoe Hvas won his country’s first medal of the Games - and it was gold in the Individual 200m Medley Relay. The 18-year-old finished ahead of Italian Thomas Ceccon and Canadian Finlay Knox.

Russia’s Kliment Kolesnikov won gold for the second time in 24 hours in the pool at the Summer Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018, with victory in the 100m backstroke.

The 18-year-old's victory came the night after he was part of the Russian team that won the 4x100m freestyle relay. His winning time of 53.26 was 0.33 second quicker than silver medallist, Romanian Daniel Cristian Martin. Italy’s Thomas Ceccon won bronze.
China won the final event of the evening in the pool, the Women’s 4x100 Medley Relay, beating out Australia and Russia.

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 Men’s 200m Individual Medley Relay final
00:20 Winner Tomoe Hvas presented with gold medal

00:25 SOUNDBITE: Tomoe Hvas, Men’s 200m Individual Medley Champion (English Language)
“At the moment I feel very great, very elated and I’m really happy.”

00:30 Shot of Podium
00:35 Close Up of Hvas
00:38 Norwegian flag raised
00:42 Shot of Podium

00:44 SOUNDBITE: Tomoe Hvas, Men’s 200m Individual Medley Champion (English Language)
“I hoped of course I would swim a bit faster but it’s a bit better than the morning I felt I worked on the things I had to do and overall I’m quite content.”

00:56 Action Women’s 50m Breaststroke final
01:12 Winner Agne Selekaite presented with gold medal

01:30 SOUNDBITE: Agne Selekaite, Women’s 50m Breaststroke Champion (English Language)
“It feels strange, I mean I don’t understand it really right now but I have a medal! So it’s a really strange feeling and I’m happy.”

01:43 Close up of Selekaite
01:51 Flags raised
01:55 Close up of medal winners
01:57  SOUNDITE: Agne Selekaite, Women’s 50m Breaststroke Champion (English Language)
“Thank you guys, you’re amazing and I love you all!”

02:01 Action Women’s 100m Backstroke final
02:17 Winner Daria Vaskina presented with gold medal

02:32 SOUNDITE: Daria Vaskina, Women’s 100m Backstroke Champion (English Language)
“I’m happy, I am very tired! Sorry!”

02:47 Close up of Vaskina
02:52 Russian flag raised
02:59 Close up of Russian Flag
03:01 Wide of podium
03:07 Wide of flags

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