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STORY HEADLINE: RUSSIA WINS BOTH GOLD MEDALS ON OFFER IN THE LATEST SESSION OF TAEKWONDO AT BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

The Taekwondo competition at the third Summer Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 brought together a Russian and an American contestant in the final of the women’s 49kg category.

Russia’s Elizaveta Ryadninskaya beat Anastasija Zolotic of the USA in a tight contest. Ryadniskaya, who is 16, outscored her opponent 17-16.

Russia also took the other gold on offer in Taekwondo on Tuesday evening in the Argentine capital. 17-year-old Georgii Popov beat South Korea’s Kim Kang Min 33-27 in the 55kg category.

In Taekwondo, each contest consists of three rounds of two minutes for both men and women, each with one minute intervals between rounds.

Competition method: The contestants, “Chung” (blue) and “Hong” (red) compete against each other using punching and kicking techniques performed on permitted parts of the body. Punches to the face and hits below the lower abdomen are forbidden. Permitted parts of the body are covered with protection.

Scoring method: One referee, three judges, a review jury, and a technical assistant manage the contest.

The trunk and head Protector Scoring System register the kicks automatically. The judges add the technical points (turning techniques).

For an effective attack to the trunk a competitor is awarded one, two or three points and for an effective attack to the head a competitor is awarded three or four points.
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 Multiple action shots of the Women’s -49kg Taekwondo Final

00:25 Elizaveta Ryadninskaya receiving her Gold Medal for the Women’s -49kg Taekwondo Contest

00:35 **SOUNDBITE:** Elizaveta Ryadninskaya, Women’s -49kg Taekwondo Youth Olympic Champion. *(Russian Language)*

“Ну, это было очень сложно, пришлось очень много работать…”

Well, it was very difficult, I had to work very hard...

00:39 Action from the Women’s -49kg Taekwondo Final

00:44 **SOUNDBITE:** Elizaveta Ryadninskaya, Women’s -49kg Taekwondo Youth Olympic Champion. *(Russian Language)*

“Я даже особо не горжусь собой. Я просто поработала и мне понравилось. Я получила от этого удовольствие.”

I can’t say I am very proud of myself. I just worked and I liked it. I enjoyed it.

00:51 The Women’s -49kg Taekwondo finalists congratulate each other

00:53 **SOUNDBITE:** Elizaveta Ryadninskaya, Women’s -49kg Taekwondo Youth Olympic Champion. *(Russian Language)*

“Я думаю, моя мама очень счастлива.”

I think my mum is very happy.

00:57 Action from the Men’s final

01:20 Russian Taekwondo athlete Georgii Popov celebrates his Youth Olympic Gold win

01:22 Georgii Popov receives his Youth Olympic Gold Medal in the Men’s -55kg Taekwondo Contest
01:29 SOUNDbite: Georgii Popov, Men's -55kg Taekwondo Youth Olympic Champion (Russian Language)

“Ну, победа это для меня, прежде всего, поддержка семьи. Спасибо моему тренеру, моему клубу Гротмайстер, старшему тренеру сборной – огромное спасибо за этот вклад – это их победа тоже…”

Well, for me victory is, first of all, family support. Thanks to my coach, my club Grotmeister, our chief national coach - a huge thanks for their contribution - this is their victory, too ...

01:45 Action from the Men’s -55kg Taekwondo Final

01:49 SOUNDbite: Georgii Popov, Men's -55kg Taekwondo Youth Olympic Champion (Russian Language)

“Ну, это очень большая честь для моей семьи, они болеют за меня, переживали, огромное спасибо…Их вклад в мою победу был очень велик. Благодаря их поддержке я выиграл…”

Well, this is a great honor for my family, they cheer me on, support me, thank you so much to them ... Their contribution to my victory is very big. Thanks to their support I won.

02:02 Action from the Men’s -55kg Taekwondo Final at the Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games 2018

02:08 SOUNDbite: Georgii Popov, Men’s -55kg Taekwondo Youth Olympic Champion (Russian Language)

“Да-да, это очень важно для России, потому что я и мой сокомандник Дмитрий Шишко, мы стали первыми в истории таэквондо олимпийскими чемпионами в России”

Yes, sure, this is very important for Russia, because me and my teammate Dmitry Shishko, became the first Russian Olympic champions in the history of Taekwondo.

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