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STORY HEADLINE: GOLD MEDAL DOUBLE FOR COLOMBIA IN INAUGURAL ROLLER SPEED SKATING COMPETITION AT THE YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

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STORY SCRIPT:

Colombian athletes won both the men’s and women’s gold in the first ever rolling skating competition at the Youth Olympics Games Buenos Aires 2018.

Gabriela Rueda won the women’s event with a clean sweep of victories in the three race disciplines of the sport. The 18-year-old’s nearest rival Honorine Barrault finished third in the final race and had to settle for silver. Giorgia Valanzano of Italy won bronze.

Colombian fans also celebrated gold in the men’s event. Jhony Angulo-Reina, who is also 18, finished runner-up in the final race, the 5,000m elimination. But it was enough for the Colombian athlete to claim the gold medal.

Roller speed skating takes its bow on the Olympic programme at Buenos Aires 2018 and fits in well with local youth culture.

The sport was part of the Nanjing sports lab, a concept that inspired Buenos Aires 2018 with the mission of bringing sport, culture and education to young people.

The competition at Buenos Aires 2018 consists of three distances (phases), 500m sprint, 1,000m sprint and 5,000m elimination.

The event results are based on points. The winner of each distance is awarded 12 points, second place 11 points, third place 10 points and the remaining places 4-12 are awarded from 9 points down to 1 point.

The final ranking of skaters is based on the total number of points earned in the three phases.

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 Wide shot of the start of the race
00:11 Wide shot of the roller skaters crossing the finish line
00:14 Close up of Gabriela Rueda collecting a Colombian flag
00:21 Gabriela Rueda hugging her coach
00:24 Gabriela Rueda receiving her medal
00:28 Wide shot of the podium
00:28 Close up of Gabriela Rueda on the podium
00:31 Members of the crowd singing the Colombian national anthem

00:35 SOUNDBITE: Gabriela Rueda, gold medal winner roller skating (Spanish Language)

"Bueno, la verdad es que siento muy contenta, gracias a Dios por haberme permitido hacer historia para patinaje colombiano y para patinaje del mundo. Me siento muy contenta."

Well the truth is that I feel very happy, thank God for allowing me to make history for Colombian roller-skating and also for world roller-skating. I am very glad.

00:48 Close up shots of the race

00:50 SOUNDBITE: Gabriela Rueda, gold medal winner roller skating (Spanish Language)

"Venia muy segura de quien era, de mi trabajo. Durante muchos años, no solamente durante de este proceso, sino hace mucho tiempo tenia la ilusion de venir a los Juegos Olímpicos, gracias a Dios se hizo realidad."

I came very sure of myself and sure about the work that I have done. For many years, not only during this process, but for a long time I had a dream to come to the Olympic Games and well....thank God it became reality.

01:05 Close up of Gabriela Rueda crossing the finish line
01:07 SOUNDBITE: Gabriela Rueda, gold medal winner roller skating (Spanish Language)
“Hoy tenía unos resultados muy grandes, gracias a la dedicación y al amor que le tengo a este deporte, al apoyo de mi familia siempre y incondicionalmente. Y bueno he hecho muchos campeonatos y sentí muy orgullosa de eso.”
Today I had very good results. Thanks to the dedication and love that I have for this sport, thanks to ongoing and unconditional support of my family. I have done many championships by now and I am very proud of this.

01:26 SOUNDBITE: Gabriela Rueda, gold medal winner roller skating (Spanish Language)
“La verdad es que espero participar en los Juegos Olímpicos de 2024 en Qatar, participar en uno de ellos y hacer un gran éxito para mi país y poder ser medallista olímpica de los juegos de verano.”
The truth is that I am hoping to be a part of the Olympic Games in 2024 in Qatar. I would like to participate in these Games and make my country proud, and be able to be a medallist of the Summer Olympic Games.

01:47 Sequence of shots showing a crash and final moments of the race

01:57 Jhony Angulo-Reina celebrates with a Colombian flag

02:01 Shot of the final points table

02:05 Shots of Jhony Angulo-Reina on the podium

02:18 SOUNDBITE: Jhony Angulo-Reina, gold medal winner roller skating (Spanish Language)
“Es un comienzo para la historia. Mas que nada porque es el nuevo patinaje pues bueno los dos somos colombianos.”
This is a historical start. Mainly because it is new roller-skating and well... because we are both Colombians.

02:29 Close up shot of the crash on the final lap

02:32 SOUNDBITE: Jhony Angulo-Reina, gold medal winner roller skating (Spanish Language)
“Después de la caída estaba muy... ufff....Y gracias a Dios tenía una buena reacción. Miraba y si me tenía que quedar tercero, segundo o sin medalla. Pues me cai... Y cogí velocidad, tome la calma, y ya a la vuelta bien, fue por eso.”
After the fall I was very....ufff...I got up and thank God I reacted well. I was thinking maybe I will place third, second or even without the medal. Well I fell...I picked up speed, remained calm and around the corner I was fine, that was the reason.

02:55 Wide shot of the final stages of the race
Story script and Shot log

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