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STORY HEADLINE: JUDO GOLDS FOR RUSSIA, ROMANIA AND HUNGARY

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STORY SCRIPT:

Three gold medal finals were decided in the judo competition being held at the Asia Pavilion in the Youth Olympic Park at Buenos Aires 2018.

The Women’s under 52 Kg gold went to Irena Khubulova of Russia defeating Sosorbaram Lkhagvasuren from Mongolia. Khubulova, 17, won by Ippon.

In the Men’s under 81 Kg category Adrian Sulca of Romania beat Martin Bezdek from the Czech Republic, also by Ippon. Sulca, who is 17, is from the Romanian city of Napoca.

Finally, the Women’s under 63 Kg gold was won by Szofi Ozbas of Hungary. She defeated Mariem Khlifi of Tunisia in their final, again by Ippon. The 16-year-old is a member of the Cegledi Vasutas SE in her home city of Cegled and made her competitive debut in 2010, aged just eight.

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:

00:03 Action of the winning move in the Men's -81kg Judo Final where Adrian Sulca is crowned Youth Olympic Champion.
00:11 Action of the finalists congratulating each other
00:16 Close up of Sulca celebrating winning his Youth Olympic Gold medal.
00:17 Shot of Sulca greeting and celebrating with his coach after confirmation of his Youth Olympic Gold.

00:24 SOUNDBITE: Adrian Sulca, Men's -81kg Judo Youth Olympic Champion. (English Language)
“My performance was very good and today I did my best”

00:32 Shots of Sulca just before the start of the Men’s -81kg Judo final contest
00:34 Wide shot of the Judo mat with both competitors and judge

00:37 SOUNDBITE: Adrian Sulca, Men's -81kg Judo Youth Olympic Champion. (English Language)
“Today it was unbelievable, it was an incredible feeling”

00:45 Action of Sulca and competitor Martin Bezdek in the final

00:49 SOUNDBITE: Adrian Sulca, Men’s -81kg Judo Youth Olympic Champion. (English Language)
“I like Buenos Aires and now I like it too much because I am taking home the Gold medal”

00:56 Winning move of the Women’s -52kg Judo final by Russia’s Irena Khubulova

01:06 SOUNDBITE: Irena Khubulova, Women’s -52kg Women’s Judo Youth Olympic Champion (Russian Language)
“Я выступила хорошо, так как я выиграла, но в схватках были помарки, над которыми нужно будет обязательно поработать”
I performed well and I won, but there were some flaws in fights. I will definitely have to work on them.

01:15 Shots of Irena Khubulova immediately after she was confirmed Youth Olympic Champion.

01:18 SOUNDBITE: Irena Khubulova, Women’s -52kg Women’s Judo Youth Olympic Champion (Russian Language)
“Я, естественно очень рада своему результату, но опять-таки скажу то, что, как сказать, план, который мне давал тренер, я выполнила только в финале и в предыдущих схватках у меня были ошибки”
Obviously, I am very pleased with the result, but again I will say that the plan that the coach gave me, was completed successfully only in the final. In previous fights I made some mistakes.
01:34 Wide shot of the Women’s -52kg Judo finalists congratulating each other before leaving the mat.

01:38 SOUNDBITE: Irena Khubulova, Women’s -52kg Women’s Judo Youth Olympic Champion (Russian Language)
“Конечно, очень нравится обстановка, но я еще не успела погулять по городу, но, думаю, у меня теперь будет время и я обязательно прогуляюсь по”
Of course, I like the atmosphere very much, but I have not yet had time to walk in the city, but I think I will have time now and I will definitely have a walk.

01:50 Champion Khubulova being congratulated and embraced by her coach and family in the crowd

01:56 SOUNDBITE: Irena Khubulova, Women’s -52kg Women’s Judo Youth Olympic Champion (Russian Language)
“Там очень хорошо, так как все сделано для спортсменов, для удобства спортсменов. Там есть своего рода развлечения и если, как сказать, ты выступил и свободен, то можно провести время на ура, но пока я не погуляла даже по олимпийской деревне, потому что это очень отвлекает спортсмена, я старалась собраться с мыслями, но теперь-то... Еще у меня будут командные соревнования после них, можно будет обязательно прогуляться.”
It is very nice there, everything is done for athletes, for their comfort. There is a kind of entertainment there and if you have already performed and are free, then you can spend time beautifully, but so far I have not even walked around the Olympic Village, because it is very distracting for an athlete. I tried to gather my thoughts, but now ... I will also have team competitions after these ones, and after I can definitely take a walk.

02:28 Action of the Women’s -52kg Judo Final

02:33 SOUNDBITE: Irena Khubulova, Women’s -52kg Women’s Judo Youth Olympic Champion (Russian Language)
“Э-э, у меня будут командные соревнования после них, я хочу погулять в центре города, посмотреть какие-нибудь достопримечательности Аргентины и весело проводить время со своей российской командой, может, познакомиться с членами других стран, так как знакомство это всегда хорошо.”
Uh, I will have team competitions after them, I want to take a walk in the city center, see some sights of Argentina and have fun with my Russian team, maybe get to know members of other countries, since getting to know new people is always good.

02:55 Action of the Women’s -52kg Judo Final

02:58 SOUNDBITE: Irena Khubulova, Women’s -52kg Women’s Judo Youth Olympic Champion (Russian Language)
“Я хочу поблагодарить Бога за эту победу, хочу поблагодарить своих тренеров, своих родных, которые меня поддерживали, и, конечно же, всем привет – всем, кто меня знает.”
I want to thank God for this victory, I want to thank my coaches, my relatives who supported me, and, of course, sending hello to everyone who knows me.
03:10 Shots of winning move in Women’s -63kg Judo Final made by Szofi Ozbas of Hungary
03:32 Ozbas celebrates her win
03:35 Ozbas’ elated coach celebrates with his head in his hands

03:38 SOUNDBITE: Szofi Ozbas, Women’s -63kg Judo Youth Olympic Champion (English Language)
“This is an incredible feeling and I still can’t believe it. I am proud of myself.”

03:47 Shot of winner Szofi Ozbas embracing her coach

03:53 SOUNDBITE: Szofi Ozbas, Women’s -63kg Judo Youth Olympic Champion (English Language)
“It was very hard for me at the quarter finals and the final was the hardest, the others were also hard for me but I did it and I’m very happy about it!”

04:08 Close up of winner Szofi Ozbas as she is confirmed the Youth Olympic Champion
04:11 Wide Shot of finalists congratulating each other after the match on the mat.

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