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STORY HEADLINE: NEW ZEALAND’S DYLAN McCULLOUGH LEADS THE MEN’S TRIATHLON FROM THE START TO WIN GOLD AT BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

A strong tactical performance from Dylan McCullough in the men’s triathlon secured a first gold medal for New Zealand at this summer’s Youth Olympic Games, Buenos Aires 2018.

McCullough, who’s 17, put in a powerful swim coming out of the water in the joint lead with Italy’s Alessio Crociani with a time of 9.29 minutes.

Crociani was slightly quicker in transition but the pair elected to work together in the bike stage hoping to establish an unassailable lead over athletes stronger over the 5k road running stage.

They went into transition for the final running leg together with McCullough finally losing his Italian rival and establishing a winning lead.

Both men were drawn in by Portugal’s Alexandre Montez. He relegated Crociani into the bronze medal position. But the Portuguese athlete did not do enough to overhaul McCullough.

The Kiwi won by 12 seconds in a time of 53 minutes 27 seconds.

For the men’s individual triathlon at the Summer Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Buenos Aires 2018 the distance for each of the segments is as follows: 750 metre open water swim, a 20,000 metres bicycle ride, and a 5,000 metres run.

The first athlete to complete the course is declared the winner.

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 from the start of the Men’s Triathlon at Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games 2018
00:10 Shots of winner Dylan McCullough from New Zealand appearing from the swim in first position
00:15 Shots of the leaders running to their bikes
00:30 Action of the leading 2 triathletes neck-and-neck racing round a bend on the cycling leg of the Men’s Triathlon.
00:33 Close Up Shot of Bronze medal winner Alessio Crociani (Italy) overtaking McCullough on the bike
00:47 Shots of the two leaders getting ready for the running leg of the Triathlon
01:01 Action of Dylan McCullough during the Running leg of the Men’s Triathlon
01:08 Action of Dylan McCullough of New Zealand running to the finish line to claim victory in the Men's Triathlon at Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games 2018
01:19 Shots of Dylan McCullough receiving his Gold Medal.
01:25 Shot of McCullough biting his Gold Medal

01:26 SOUNDBITE: Dylan McCullough, Men’s Triathlon Youth Olympic Champion (English Language)
“I feel amazing, it’s a very special day today and I’m over the moon.”

01:31 Action of the swim leg of the Men’s Triathlon

01:35 SOUNDBITE: Dylan McCullough, Men’s Triathlon Youth Olympic Champion (English Language)
“I just tried to stay calm on the swim and the bike and the first lap of the run and I chose to build the run which I did.”

01:46 Action of McCullough during the run race

01:48 SOUNDBITE: Dylan McCullough, Men’s Triathlon Youth Olympic Champion (English Language)
“Yeah I sacrificed a lot this year, I left school at the end of the last year early to fully to focus on my career and Triathlon. So to have it pay off today is very cool.”
02:02 Footage of McCullough receiving the mascot of the Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games 2018.

02:05 SOUNDBITE: Dylan McCullough, Men’s Triathlon Youth Olympic Champion (English Language)
"I haven’t had a race like this ever before especially this big, so it’s very cool and I’m not used to all the interviews after, so it’s very cool!"

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