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STORY HEADLINE: GOLDS FOR SOUTH KOREA AND THAILAND IN LATEST TAEKWONDO FINALS AT BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

Thailand enjoyed a mixed Tuesday night in the latest Taekwondo finals at Buenos Aires 2018, winning gold and silver.

Kanthida Saengsin won gold in the women’s 55Kg category. The sixteen year old beat Morroco’s Safia Salih 10-6 in a three round contest. She now adds a gold medal from a Youth Olympic Games to the World Junior Championship title she won earlier this year.

Her ambition is to win the World senior title and Olympic gold, hopefully at Tokyo 2020.

But there was disappointment for her compatriot Nareupong Thepsen, who is also a reigning World Junior Champion, in the final of the men’s 63Kg category. South Korea’s Wonhee Cho won gold, beating Thepsen 21-16 in their three round contest.

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 Wonhee Cho (BLUE) v Nareupong Thepsen (RED) in final of Men’s 63Kg
00:11 Close Up of Cho in action that leaves Cho on the floor
00:17 Action as Cho scores points with kick
00:24 Cho receives gold medal

00:35 SOUNDBITE: Wonhee Cho, South Korea, Men’s 63Kg Gold Medallist (Korean Language)
“저에게 정말 마지막 경기였는데, 이 청소년 올림픽을 우승할 수 있어서 정말 영광입니다.”
It was my last match, so it was a real honour for me to win at the Youth Olympics.

00:41 Cho on podium

00:50 SOUNDBITE: Wonhee Cho, South Korea, Men’s 63Kg Gold Medallist (Korean Language)
“선수촌 시설도 되게 좋고 밥도 괜찮아서 지낼 때 문제 없었습니다.”
I liked facilities in the Olympic Village and the food was good, so I enjoyed staying here.

00:59 All medal winners on podium posing for pictures
01:01 Close up gold medal panning up to close up of Cho

01:06 SOUNDBITE: Wonhee Cho, South Korea, Men’s 63Kg Gold Medallist (Korean Language)
“관광지를 좀 돌아보고 싶고요, 아르헨티나 선수촌에서 마무리 잘 하고 싶습니다.”
Now I would like to do a bit of sightseeing and make the most of my last days in the Argentinean Olympics.

01:14 Close up of Cho on podium
01:20 Pan across medallists posing on podium

01:23 SOUNDBITE: Wonhee Cho, South Korea, Men’s 63Kg Gold Medallist (Korean Language)
First of all, my mum and dad in Korea, thank you so much for supporting me. I’d also like to thank coach Uijo Kang, from whom I learned Taekwondo for the first time in my life, coach Jongha Kim, coach Sangho Lee from Pungsaeng Middle School, coach Jaeho Kim and Gyeongbae Lee from Pungsaeng High School, and so many of my fellow athletes.

01:43 Various Action from Kanthida Saengsin (BLUE) v Safia Salih (RED) in Women’s 55Kg final
02:09 Match ends with Saengsin victorious
02:11 Thai coaches celebrate Saengsin’s win
02:14 Close up Saengsin
02:18 Dejected Salih sits on mat
02:21 Saengsin embraces coach
02:23 Saengsin receives gold medal

02:33 SOUNDBITE: Kanthida Saengsin, Women’s 55Kg Gold Medallist (Thai Language)
“รู้สึกดีมาก แล้วก็ดีที่สุดเลยค่ะ”
I feel so happy, very happy.

02:39 Saengsin receives miniature mascot of Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018

02:44 SOUNDBITE: Kanthida Saengsin, Women’s 55Kg Gold Medallist (Thai Language)
“ที่ต้องการแล้วทุกอย่างเป็นไปตามที่ต้องการ”
It’s well. Everything is good and quite safe.

02:48 Wide of medal winners during anthem
02:50 Close up Saengsin
02:54 Flags raised
02:58 Close up of an emotional Saengsin

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