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STORY HEADLINE: HUNGARY'S PUSZTAI WINS WOMEN'S SABRE AND FRANCE'S SPICHIGER WINS MEN'S FOIL AT YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

World Junior Champion Liza Pusztai of Hungary now has a gold medal from a Youth Olympic Games after a comfortable victory in the final of the Women's individual sabre at Buenos Aires 2018.

Pusztai, who is 17, beat Mexico's Natalia Botello Cervantes 15-9. Her stated ambition was to add an Olympic gold to her World and European winning medals. She did so with relative ease.

She is currently ranked 17th in the world at senior level.

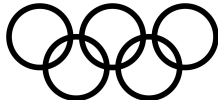
France's Armand Spichiger beat American Kenji Bravo in the men's foil final 15-7.

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 of the Women's Individual Sabre final
00:09 Action of Mexico's Natalie Botello Cervantes after winning a point and her celebration
00:18 Hungary's Liza Pusztai's screaming celebration after her Youth Olympic win is confirmed
00:24 Close up of Liza Pusztai's coach happy with the result
00:27 Liza Pusztai stepping onto the podium to receive her Youth Olympic Golden medal in the Women's Individual Sabre Final
00:31 Liza Pusztai receiving her Youth Olympic Gold
00:34 Liza Pusztai has her picture taken on the podium with her Gold Medal
00:36 Wide shot of the podium for the Women's Individual Sabre competition at Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games 2018
00:38 The three medalists pose together on the podium
00:39 Close up of the three medalists
00:41 Gold medal winner Liza Pusztai embraces her other competitors on the podium

00:46 SOUNDBITE: Liza Pusztai, Women's Individual Sabre Youth Olympic Champion (English Language)

"Happiness of course! I am very happy. My goal before the competition was to win. I hope to make the Olympic Games in Tokyo."

01:04 Various shots from the Men's Individual Sabre Competition
01:18 France's Armand Spichiger celebrates his win in the Men's Foil Individual
01:25 The finalists congratulate each other
01:27 Armand Spichiger soaks up the atmosphere as the crowd cheers him on
01:30 Spichiger steps up to receive his Youth Olympic Gold medal.
01:32 Close Up of Armand Spichiger celebrating on the podium
01:34 Spichiger receives his Gold medal
01:38 Close Up of Spichiger as the flags rise
01:43 Shots of the medalists on the podium having their picture taken

01:50 SOUNDBITE, Armand Spichiger, Men's Individual Sabre Youth Olympic Champion (French Language)

"... vraiment très heureux. Je ne pensais pas arriver là. Enfin, c'est mon objectif mais je ne pensais pas arriver là, à la fin de la compétition. Je suis vraiment très content."

"... really very happy. I didn't expect to get there. Well, it was my goal, but I didn't expect to get there, at the end of the competition. I'm really very happy."

01:57 More action from the Men's Individual Sabre Final



02:00 SOUNDBITE, Armand Spichiger, Men's Individual Sabre Youth Olympic Champion (French Language)

"Après, c'était de gagner parce que j'y croyais vraiment, enfin. J'étais carrément dedans, j'étais lancé, alors c'est gagné."

After, the thing was to win, because I really believe in it, at least. I was really into it, I just got going, so I won!

02:05 France vs USA fencing action

02:08 Armand Spichiger holding medal

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