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STORY HEADLINE: GOLDS FOR ITALY, JAPAN, SWEDEN, AND HUNGARY ON DAY FOUR OF SWIMMING AT BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

Italy’s Thomas Ceccon finally struck gold at the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 when he won the men’s 50m freestyle. Ceccon has also claimed two silvers and two bronzes, losing out to Russia’s 50m backstroke World Record holder Kliment Kolesnikov later in the evening - the second time this week he’s had to settle for silver behind Kolesnikov.

Japan’s Yu Hanaguruma comfortably won the Men’s 200m Breaststroke Final. The eighteen year old finished almost two seconds ahead of silver medallist, Savvas Thomoglou of Greece. Poland’s Jan Kalusowski won bronze.

A classic blanket finish in the women’s 50m Butterfly ended in victory for Sweden’s Sara Junevik and four medals being awarded. The 18-year-old won gold in 26.4 seconds, with Anastasiya Shkurdai of Belarus claiming silver. Russia’s Polina Egorova and Germany’s Angelian Koehler could not be separated for the bronze medal position.

The women’s 200m freestyle final was won by Ajna Késely of Hungary. The 17-year-old took gold after a battle with China’s Junxuan Yang. Kesely beat out Yang by seventeen hundredths of a second. The Czech Republic’s Barbora Seemanova had to settle for bronze.

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 Shot of Italy’s Thomas Ceccon getting ready for the Men’s 50m freestyle at the Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games 2018
00:07 Action from the start of the race
00:13 Various shots of the race
00:23 Ceccon steps onto the podium
00:32 Thomas Ceccon receives his gold medal in the Men’s 50m freestyle.
00:37 Wide shot of the podium.
00:42 Close up of the medalists on the podium

00:48 SOUNDBITE: Thomas Ceccon, Winner, Men’s 50m Freestyle (Italian Language)
(on his emotions while on the podium hearing the national anthem and seeing the flag)
"e non penso che mi sia mai successo, credo, o forse negli off l’anno scorso, comunque molto molto molto bello, l’inno d'Italia non si sente proprio tanto spesso, quindi, é un emozione anche per la squadra."
I don’t think it ever happen to me, maybe last year. However, it was a great moment. We don’t hear the Italian anthem very often in competitions, so it was a very good feeling for me and for the team.

01:05 Thomas Ceccon receives his Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games mascot.

01:09 SOUNDBITE: Thomas Ceccon, Winner, Men’s 50m Freestyle (Italian Language)
(on how hard he had trained for the 50 metre freestyle)
"Io volevo volevo la medaglia d’oro, volevo vincerta anche nei due misti, ma era molto difficile e infatti va bé sono arrivato secondo e son contento anche per quello. Nei 50 stile la volevo, perché sapevo più o meno che potevo, ero tra i primi, quindi la volevo, quindi l’ho fatto."
I wanted to get a gold medal. I wanted one in the medley but it was very difficult and I finished second. I’m very happy for these results. In the 50 metre freestyle I really wanted the gold. I knew I was good and I got it.

01:29 Shot of Yu Hanaguruma waving to the crowd as he came out to the pool
01:34 Action from the start of the race
01:39 Hanaguruma touches first to win the Youth Olympic Men’s 200m Breaststroke
01:45 Hanaguruma celebrates in the water
01:50 Hanaguruma steps on to the podium to receive his gold medal in the Men’s 200m Breaststroke
01:57 Hanaguruma receives his Gold
02:02 Wide shot of the Men’s 200m Breaststroke podium
02:06 SOUNDBITE: Yu Hanaguruma, Winner, Men’s 200m Breaststroke (Japanese Language)
(on his training ahead of the 200 metres breaststroke)
“２００メートルに向けて、ええと、今までやってきた練習を信じて、このプールに来てからも、同じように、質の高い練習ができていたと思います。”
I have been training for the 200m (breaststroke). And I trained thoroughly as always when I came to this swimming pool.

02:21 Yu Hanaguruma waves to the crowd on his lap of honour

02:24 SOUNDBITE: Yu Hanaguruma, Winner, Men’s 200m Breaststroke (Japanese Language) (on the next Olympics being in Tokyo and him potentially competing at home)
“ええと、日本は二人平泳ぎで渡辺一平選手と小関也朱篤選手が早いので、まあ、このままだと、出場するのが難しいと思うんですけど。でも、これまで以上に練習を頑張って、東京オリンピックに出場して、世界で戦えるように、また頑張ってきたいなと思います。”
Well, the Japanese swimmers, Yasuhiro Koseki and Ippei Watanabe, are world record holders in breaststroke events. So I think I will have to train harder than ever before to qualify for the Tokyo Olympic Games, and other international sporting events.

02:50 Sara Junevik waves to the camera on the way out to the Women’s 50m Butterfly final
02:56 Action from the start of the 50m Butterfly Final
03:08 Footage of the end of the 50m Butterfly Final
03:19 Junevik celebrates her Youth Olympic Gold in the water
03:23 Junevik steps up onto the podium to receive her Gold
03:28 Junevik receives her Gold Medal in the Women’s 50m Butterfly.
03:34 The Women’s 50m Butterfly medalists have their pictures taken

03:39 SOUNDBITE: Sara Junevik, Winner, Women’s 50m Butterfly (Swedish Language) (on how it felt being on the podium, hearing the anthem and seeing the flag raised)
"Det kändes bra. Loppet gick som det skulle. Det flöt påbra och jag var verkligen glad när jag gick i mål faktiskt."
“It felt good! The race went as expected. The flow of the race was good and I was actually very happy when I reached the end.”

03:48 Shots of Anja Késhely getting ready for the Women’s 200m Freestyle Final
03:53 Action from the start of the race
03:57 Various shots of the Women’s 200m Freestyle Final
04:00 Footage from the end of the race
04:05 Késhely celebrates her Youth Olympic Gold in the water
04:12 Késhely receives her Youth Olympic Gold Medal in the Women’s 200m Freestyle Final
04:20 Wide shot of the podium as the Hungarian anthem sounds
04:24 Close up of an emotional Késhely as the anthem plays
04:26 SOUNDbite: Ajna Késely, Winner, Women’s 200m Freestyle (Hungarian Language) (on winning the 200 metres freestyle)

“Hát elég izgatottan így a 400 gyors előtt. Nagyon várom már és... és tényleg ez egy nagyon kemény szám volt, ez a 200 méter gyors, úgyhogy... úgyhogy úgy érzem, hogy a 400 méter gyors is ezzel a lendülettel fog menni.”

Well, I feel pretty excited with the 400 metres freestyle just ahead of me. I really look forward to it and... and this was a really tough event, this 200 metres freestyle, so... so I think I will be able to complete the 400 metres freestyle with the same dynamism.

04:41 Close up of Kélsey on the podium with the Gold Medal receiving the Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games mascot.

04:43 SOUNDbite: Ajna Késely, Winner, Women’s 200m Freestyle (Hungarian Language) (on her emotions while standing on the podium)

“Hát ez... ez mindig csodás érzés, úgyhogy ez ilyen megszokhatatlan. Tehát mindig újból átéléné az ember.”

Well, this is always a wonderful feeling, so you cannot, kind of, get used to it. So you would always want to relive it again and again.

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