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STORY HEADLINE: IRAN WINS DOUBLE GOLD IN TAEKWONDO AT YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

Iran won both gold medals on offer on Wednesday in the Taekwondo competition of the Youth Olympic Games at Buenos Aires 2018.

In the first final, 16-year-old Yalda Valinejad beat the reigning World Junior Champion, Serbia’s Nadica Bozanic in the women’s 63kg category. Valinejad won by a final score of 23 to 17.

Then Iran’s Ali Eshkevarian won gold in the men’s 73kg category. The 17-year-old overcame Belgium’s Badr Achab in a tight contest. He eventually won 17-16.

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:

00:02 Wide action of the fight for the gold medal in women’s 63kg category.
00:14 Close view of Yalda Valinejad celebrating.
00:17 Valinejad receives Iran flag from her coach.
00:21 Valinejad runs in the ring with her national flag.
00:25 Iranian fighter receives the gold medal.
00:29 Valinejad bites the gold medal.
00:32 Close view of the four medal winners.
00:39 Side view of the four medal winners.

00:42 SOUNDbite: Yalda Valinejad, Women’s 63kg category Champion (Farsi Language)
من حدود ۴ ماه است که در اردوهستم و بصورت مرتین میکنم و مربیمین ممنون را بپوش سرگناشتم ناب این مرحله "

I’ve been at camp for about 4 months and we’ve been practicing so hard regularly to reach this point and thank God for the result.

00:56 Wide action of the fight.

00:59 SOUNDbite: Yalda Valinejad, Women’s 63kg category Champion (Farsi Language)
"خیلی خوشحالم چون توانستم جواب آنهايی را که برای زحمت کشیدند بهم و خیلی خس فشانگی است"

I am so glad that I’ve been able to answer the efforts of those who worked hard for me and this is a great feeling.

01:09 Close view of the fight.

01:14 SOUNDbite: Yalda Valinejad, Women’s 63kg category Champion (Farsi Language)
Today, I was confident that I would receive the gold medal just because I worked hard from the beginning and I always believed that I could win a gold medal.

01:25 Shots of Valinejad.
01:28 Close view of serbian fighter, Nadica Bozanic.

01:30 SOUNDBITE: Yalda Valinejad, Women's 63kg category Champion (Farsi Language)

I had already played in Jordan with my first opponent who I won against scoring 4-2. The second game was in Mexico. I did not play with him, but he had gotten in the first place in quota. On my third game I lost both quota and international, but I could be able to win against him here.

01:52 Action of the fight for the gold medal in men’s 73 kg category final.
02:22 The Iranian fighter, Ali Eshkevarian, celebrating with his coach.
02:26 Eshkevarian lifts up the Belgian fighter's hand as a sign of sportsmanship
02:35 Action of the moment Eshkevarian receives gold medal.
02:38 Wide shot of the four medal winners.
02:40 Close shot of Eshkevarian biting the gold medal.
02:43 Wide shot of the four medal winners.

02:46 SOUNDBITE: Ali Eshkevarian, Men’s 73kg category Champion (Farsi Language).

We started from the international camp and we’ve been here for about 10 months. I was able to win the world championship this year in March, and then we spent 5-6 months in the camp, after which I was deployed to the tournament and thank God I was able to get the best result.

03:03 Wide shot of the fight.

03:07 SOUNDBITE: Ali Eshkevarian, Men’s 73kg category Champion (Farsi Language).

Certainly, after getting the best result, I have had the greatest feeling of my whole life as if I’ve been born again.
03:14 Action of the men’s 73 kg fight.

03:17 SOUNDBITE: Ali Eshkevarian, Men’s 73kg category Champion (Farsi Language).

"خپ مسابقات مسابقات بسیار برگزار است و مهم کشورها بهترین نفراتشان را برای المیک اعزام میکنند و بهترین حسم این بود که ورق کشورم در بین تمام کشورهای دنیا به اهتزاز در بیاید."

Well, it is a big tournament and all countries send their best players to the Olympics and the best thing was to see the flag of my own country flying on the masts among all the countries of the whole world.

03:33 Close view of Eshkevarian singing the Iranian national anthem.

03:36 The flags being raised.

03:39 SOUNDBITE: Ali Eshkevarian, Men’s 73kg category Champion (Farsi Language).

"نوا مسابقات جهانی توانستم همین حریفی را که توانستم با وی باری کردم شکست دادم و عنوان قهرمانی را کسب کنم و امیدوار بودم در این مسابقات بار دیگر این کشوری را تکرار کنم که خوشبختانه توانستم این را ممالک را من به کسب کنم."

In the world championship, I managed to defeat the same player I played in the final and win the championship title, and I was hoping to repeat this championship again in the tournament, which I was lucky enough to retain this medal.

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