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STORY HEADLINE: JAPAN DOMINATE MEN’S SPORT CLIMBING WITH GOLD AND SILVER AT YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

The first-ever men’s Sport Climbing gold medal has been won by Japan’s Keita Dohi at this summer’s Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Buenos Aires 2018.

After qualifying for the final by finishing in the top six of the qualification round, the finalists once again completed the three disciplines of Speed, Bouldering and Lead to look for the lowest overall score.

In the Combined event, the 17-year-old cruised to gold by accruing an unbeatable six points, 12 ahead of compatriot Shuta Tanaka, 18, in second.

Completing the historic men’s Sport Climbing podium, Sam Avezou, 17, from France claimed bronze with a points score of 30.

In the sport climbing competition at Buenos Aires 2018, competitors compete in three disciplines that are combined in a single ranking to decide the Women’s Combined and Men’s Combined medals.

The disciplines are:

Speed: The aim of speed is to be the fastest to reach the top of the 15m high wall. Men and women compete on identical routes, which are not modified between rounds.

Bouldering: The aim of bouldering is to solve the most problems in the least number of attempts over a given period of time. Men and women climb on 4.5m high structures equipped with safety mats. The bouldering ranking is decided by the number of problems solved.

Lead: In lead, the aim of the competition is to go as high as possible in an individual attempt on a route designed on a 15m wall. The competitors have a limited amount of time (6 minutes) for their attempt.
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 Shots of Keita Dohi in action climbing during the men’s Sport Climbing final
00:19 Close up of Keita Dohi climbing
00:22 Shot of Keita Dohi climbing
00:26 Wide shot of Keita Dohi halfway up the climbing wall
00:29 Close up of Keita Dohi climbing
00:36 Shot of Keita Dohi touching the top before falling
00:40 Keita Dohi on the podium with arms aloft
00:42 Keita Dohi being awarded his gold medal
00:47 Close up of Keita Dohi with his gold medal on the podium
00:52 Shot of the three medalists on the podium
00:56 Close up of the three medalists on the podium

01:00 SOUNDBITE: Keita Dohi, Men's Sport Climbing Champion (Japanese Language)
“最初は、三種目やることに...三つやることに、すごい戸惑っていたん...困っていたんですけど、なんだか練習していくうちに、やってなかったスピードもできるようにになってきて、で、今まで得意だったボルダリングもだんだんもっと強くなってきて、今回一番いい状態で戦うことができました。”

At first, I felt myself baffled...perplexed because there were 3 sections to go. However, I trained myself to climb at the speed that I've never achieved till now. So I gradually become stronger in bouldering which I am good at so far, and I was in my element this time.

01:22 Shot of Keita Dohi climbing

01:25 SOUNDBITE: Keita Dohi, Men's Sport Climbing Champion (Japanese Language)
“今年の大会は、全然いい成績が出なくて、ずっと落ち込んでいたので、こうやって一番大事な大会で勝つことができて、すごいなんか、切り替えられて自信になりました。”
I didn't do a good job in this year's tournament, so I felt discouraged from time to time. I restored my confidence as I won the most important tournament this time, which is amazing.

01:40 Close up of Keita Dohi climbing

01:44 SOUNDbite: Keita Dohi, Men's Sport Climbing Champion (Japanese Language)
"早く、今まで応援してくださった日本の皆様にお礼を言いたいです。"
I am thankful for everyone from Japan who has supported me so far.

01:51 Shot of Keita Dohi climbing

01:55 SOUNDbite: Keita Dohi, Men's Sport Climbing Champion (Japanese Language)
"今後の競技人生を変えるだけの自分の自信につながったと思うので、またこれをきっかけに、もっともっと東京オリンピックを目指して頑張っていきたいと思います。"
This achievement helps me restore my confidence, which marks a turning point in my life, and I am going to do my best to qualify for the Tokyo Olympic Games.

02:08 Shot looking up at Keita Dohi climbing

02:13 SOUNDbite: Keita Dohi, Men’s Sport Climbing Champion (Japanese Language)
"いつも練習させてもらっているジムの方々とか、いつも応援してくれている人たちに、今すぐ見せに行きたいです。"
I am going to offer my best performance to those who have helped with my training in the gym, and everyone who has supported me so far.

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