JAPAN’S KITAZANO TAKERU WINS GOLD IN MEN’S ALL-AROUND GYMNASTICS AT YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018

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Japan’s Takeru Kitazono won gold in a tense Men’s All-Around Artistic Gymnastics competition at Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018.

The 15-year-old pipped his rivals thanks to a final impressive routine on the horizontal bar, holding his nerve for overall victory. His score from the judges for the discipline of 13.800 was easily the best of the night.

He had earlier also outscored the rest of the field with his floor routine, the pre-competition favourite Yin Dehang of China, making costly mistakes on the mat.

He was also the top rated gymnast in the rings, earning a score of 13.466. Crucially the eventual silver medalist Sergei Nadin trailed him by some margin in those disciplines.

Kitazono did enough to claim gold in the remaining disciplines of Pommel Horse, Vault and Parallel Bars, even though he fell on dismount. He may well now add to that with success later in the week in the finals of the individual disciplines.

Nadin settled for silver. The bronze medal went to Diogo Soares of Brazil.

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 Footage of Kitazono’s dismount from the Rings
00:12 Action of Kitazono’s Pommel Horse flares and dismount
00:26 Kitazono’s Final Tumble pass on the Floor with a stuck dismount
00:38 Kitazono’s vault
00:50 Footage of Kitazono saluting to the judges before his Parallel Bars routine
00:52 Shots of winner falling from his dismount on P Bars
01:02 Kitazono’s final High Bar routine and celebration after a stuck landing on dismount
01:06 Kitazono celebrating with a fist pump
01:08 Kitazono’s Gold is confirmed as he celebrates with his coach
01:11 Kitazono receiving his Gold medal

01:23 SOUNDBYTE: Takeru Kitazono Men’s All-Round Artistic Gymnastics Champion (Japanese Language)
"やっぱりユースオリンピック決まってから、ずっとユースオリンピックで優勝するって目標を掲げて、毎日5時間ぐらい練習していて、今取った感想は、やっぱりずっと目標にしていたのが叶ったんで、まあ嬉しいですけど、内容はあまり良くなかったんで、そこは改善していきたいです。"
Being eligible to participate in the Youth Olympics, I have been training for about 5 hours per day to achieve my goal of winning the Youth Olympics. I'm delighted that I won and achieved the long-term goal, however, I have a lot to improve as I didn't perform well enough.

01:45 The medalists flags are raised and Japanese anthem played.
01:48 Kitazono watches his flag being raised as his country's anthem plays
01:53 Close up of the Japanese Flag as the anthem plays

01:58 SOUNDBYTE: Takeru Kitazono Men’s All-Round Artistic Gymnastics Champion (Japanese Language)
"跳馬終わった時に、このまま行ったら勝てると思っていて、平行棒であいうミスが出たんで、最後まで気を抜かないように、鉄棒集中し頑張りました。"
I thought I was going to win after the Vault was finished, but I fell off the parallel bars, so I focused on the Horizontal Bar without getting distracted.

02:10 Wide shot of podium
02:12 Close up of the Men’s All-Around Gymnastics podium having their picture taken with their medals.

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