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STORY HEADLINE: AUSTRALIA DOMINATE IN GOLF WITH GOLDS IN MEN AND WOMEN’S STROKE PLAY AT BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

Australia won gold in both women’s and men’s Golf events at the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018.

The stroke play events took place at the Hurlingham Club in the Argentine capital. Australia’s Kim Grace, 17, took gold with a final round score of 71, two under par for her final round.

Shooting one over par overall after three rounds, Grace comfortably finished ahead of Yuka Saso (+4) from the Philippines and Austria’s Emma Spitz (+4).

In the men’s competition, Australia’s double-gold was confirmed when Karl Vilips, 17, shot a final round 69 to finish four under par to beat Akshay Bhatia from the United States of America and the Netherlands’ Jerry Ji who claimed silver and bronze respectively.

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 Shot of Kim Grace playing a shot onto the green
00:08 Shot of Kim Grace successfully putting
00:18 Shot of Kim Grace successfully putting to win gold and celebrating
00:29 Close shot of Kim Grace getting onto the podium
00:33 Shot of Kim Grace being awarded her gold medal

00:37 SOUNDBITE: Kim Grace, Australia, Women's Individual Stroke Play Champion (English Language)
“It’s amazing. This feeling, I can’t put into words.”

00:43 Close shot of Kim Grace on the course

00:46 SOUNDBITE: Kim Grace, Women's Individual Stroke Play Champion (English Language)
“I woke up a bit nervous so I woke up a half-hour before my alarm which I never do. I was just nervous thinking ‘what would it feel like to win the first Aussie gold’ so I did dream about it technically.”

01:01 Shot of Kim Grace on the podium with her gold medal

01:05 SOUNDBITE: Kim Grace, Women's Individual Stroke Play Champion (English Language)
“I think my mentality was really strong today. I told my coach Stacey this morning that my only goal today was to stay in the present one shop at a time and that helped me throughout the day on all 18 holes so I think that really helped.”

01:21 Shot of Kim Grace shaking her mascot and gold medal on the podium

01:23 SOUNDBITE: Kim Grace, Women's Individual Stroke Play Champion (English Language)
“I've been getting so many text messages so they’re all really supportive, they’re really happy as well so I’m proud I did Australia proud.”

01:30 Shot of Karl Vilips taking a shot
01:38 Shot of Karl Vilips successfully putting
01:43 Shot of Karl Vilips successfully putting to win gold and celebrating
01:55 Close shot of Karl Vilips taking to the podium and being awarded his gold medal

02:08 SOUNDBITE: Karl Vilips, Men's Individual Stroke Play Champion (English Language)
“In the back nine my putting just started to click and I don’t think I missed a putt other than my par put on 16 so just to see the putts fall in the hole gave me a lot of confidence for the rest of the nine.”

02:18 Shot of Karl Vilips successfully putting
02:24 SOUNDBITE: Karl Vilips, Men's Individual Stroke Play Champion (English Language)
"I knew it was going to be a tough fight between a few guys who are highly respected amongst the junior golfers so I knew my chances were high as long as I putted or played pretty well."

02:35 Shot of Karl Vilips on the podium during the Australian national anthem

02:37 SOUNDBITE: Karl Vilips, Men's Individual Stroke Play Champion (English Language)
"I think my dad who is in Australia and everyone back home is hopefully going to be very proud and everyone back at my school, hopefully they'll be happy as well."

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