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STORY HEADLINE: ARGENTINA AND GERMANY SHARE GOLD IN MIXED BMX FREESTYLE PARK AT BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

Mixed BMX Freestyle Park made an Olympic debut to remember as the Argentinian pair of Agustina Roth and Iñaki Iriartes shared the gold with Germany’s Lara Lessmann and Evan Brandes on day five at Buenos Aires 2018.

Japan’s Kanami Tanno and Yuma Oshimo collected the bronze on a cloudy but action-packed afternoon at the Urban Park in Puerto Madero.

The day’s action began with the women’s final, which saw Roth score 74 points on the best of her three runs, a score only bettered by Lessmann’s 83.66. That performance earned the German pair 15 team points, with the Argentinians picking up five points fewer.

Roth was trackside for the men’s final and saw Iriartes reverse the result of Wednesday’s qualification round by scoring 83.33 points with his best run to Brandes’s 82, thanks to some spectacular tricks. The Argentinian rider celebrated his 15 points and a share of the gold in exuberant style, taking his shirt off and throwing it into the crowd.

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:

00:05 Wide shot of Lara Lessman during one of her runs

00:19 SOUNDBITE: Lara Lessman, Mixed BMX Freestyle Park Champion (English Language)
“IT’s a big honour to win a gold medal because it’s something you dream about in your life and I think every athlete wishes to go to the Olympic and stand on the podium with a medal. There are no words for this, it’s just something in life that I will never forget.”

00:36 Shot of a German flag being waved in the crowd

00:40 SOUNDBITE: Lara Lessman, Mixed BMX Freestyle Park Champion (English Language)
“During the day we were a bit nervous I guess and also excited, but as a team we can support each other and calm down a little bit so it was good.”

00:50 SOUNDBITE: Evan Brandes, Mixed BMX Freestyle Park Champion (English Language)
“I also was nervous and excited but the support from the German team is so good. It makes you feel great.”

00:59 Shot of German fans clapping
01:01 Shot of the competitors hugging on top of the ramp
01:06 Shot of the crowd cheering and clapping
01:09 Wide shot of Evan Brandes during one of his runs

01:30 SOUNDBITE: Evan Brandes, Mixed BMX Freestyle Park Champion (English Language)
“It’s a big dream. I’ve been dreaming about this for a year and finally, we are here with the gold medal.”

01:37 Shot of Evan Brandes concluding one of his runs

01:43 SOUNDBITE: Lara Lessman, Mixed BMX Freestyle Park Champion (English Language)
“It’s a big honour to be here and as a team, we did pretty well and we’re pretty happy with how our performance went.”

01:50 SOUNDBITE: Evan Brandes, Mixed BMX Freestyle Park Champion (English Language)
“I’m super stoked, I don’t know what to say about it. I just want to cry!”

01:56 Close up shot of German fans in the crowd clapping
02:00 Shot of Evan Brandes clapping the fans and bowing down
02:05 Shot of the German team holding up their gold medals
02:09 Shot of Agustina Roth during one of her runs

**02:15 SOUNDBITE: Agustina Roth, Mixed BMX Freestyle Park Champion (Spanish Language)**
“Para mí, yo no me lo esperaba. Hace dos años BMX Freestyle se convirtió en un deporte olímpico. Y yo estar en los Juegos Olímpicos en Argentina, representando Argentina, no me lo esperaba y nunca me lo había imaginado.”
To be honest, I did not expect it [the gold medal]. Just two years ago, BMX freestyle became an Olympic sport and being already on the Youth Olympic Games, in Argentina and representing Argentina... I was not expecting that and I would have never imagined that.

02:30 Shot of Argentinean fans in the crowd clapping

**02:35 SOUNDBITE: Iñaki Iriartes, Mixed BMX Freestyle Park Champion (Spanish Language)**
“Bueno va a quedar para la historia. Primera vez el BMX Freestyle en los Juegos Olímpicos.”
Well, it will remain as made history, the first time that BMX freestyle takes place in the Olympic Games

02:41 Shot of Iñaki Iriartes during one of his runs
02:52 Close up shot of an Argentina flag being waved

**02:55 SOUNDBITE: Iñaki Iriartes, Mixed BMX Freestyle Park Champion (Spanish Language)**
“No, realmente es muy inesperado y increíble porque el apoyo que recibimos de toda nuestra gente por eso se ha logrado este resultado y es hermoso.”
It was really unexpected. And it was incredible because all the support that we got here from all our people made us reach that result and it is beautiful

03:11 Shot of Iñaki Iriartes during one of his runs

**03:31 SOUNDBITE: Iñaki Iriartes, Mixed BMX Freestyle Park Champion (Spanish Language)**
“Eso es para todos los chicos de BMX Freestyle en Argentina y para toda Latinoamérica para que sepa y nunca pare soñar”.
This is for all BMX freestylers of Argentina and Latin America, so that they can believe and so they never stop dreaming

03:39 Shot of the Argentina coaches celebrating

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