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STORY HEADLINE: MINAKOV WINS FIFTH GOLD ON ANOTHER GREAT NIGHT FOR RUSSIA IN THE POOL AT THE YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018. WINS TOO FOR VIETNAM'S HUY HOANG NGUYEN AND KAYLEE MCKEOWN OF AUSTRALIA

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STORY SCRIPT:

Russia’s Andrei Minakov won his fifth gold of Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 with victory in the 50m butterfly.

His previous have come in the 100 metre butterfly and three relays.

But on this occasion, there was little margin for error.

His winning time was 22.62 seconds, just 0.01 seconds ahead of the silver medal winning time which was shared by compatriot Daniil Markov and Norwegian Tomoe Hvas.

Russia took gold in the final race of the evening as well, the women's 4x100 metre freestyle relay.

Russia produced a strong performance throughout, but eventually stretched away on the last leg to take the gold medal in a time of 3:45.26.

The silver medal went to the Brazilian quartet who clocked a time of 3:47.20 while the Japanese team were third in 3:49.27.

The night began with the men’s 800 metres freestyle when Nguyễn Huy Hoàng stormed to victory by a significant margin, to atone for his personal disappointment at finishing fourth in the 400 metres freestyle earlier in the Games.

The Vietnamese swimmer - one of three competing here - finished in a time of 7:50.20.

His gold medal sits alongside the silver he won at the recent Asian Games in Indonesia in the men's 1500 metres.
Keisuke Yoshida of Japan won the silver medal in a time of 7:53.85 while the bronze medal went to Marco de Tullio of Italy, who swam a time of 7:55.81.

Speaking after the medal ceremony Nguyễn Huy Hoàng described himself as “very happy.”

There was glory for Australia in the women’s 50 metre backstroke, with Kaylee McKeown winning the race in a time of 28.28 seconds.

It was her fourth medal of the Games for McKeown, but her first gold and extra special coming in her last event.

She admitted that her success here had surpassed her expectations ahead of the Games and was all the more special as a result.

“I came here not expecting to win anything, just to make finals, so to get a few medals for Australia I’m really stoked with that.”

Daria Vaskina of Russia - winner of the backstroke gold medal over 100 metres - took the silver medal in 28.38 seconds, while the bronze went to French swimmer Lila Toulii.

The final day of the swimming will take place on Friday (12th October) with nine medal races set to take place.

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 Shot of Andrei Minakov walking to his lane
00:12 Shots showing the start of the race
00:19 Wide shot of the final moments of the race
00:25 Close shot of Andrei Minakov celebrating
00:31 Shot of Andrei Minakov taking to the podium
00:39 Shot of Andrei Minakov being awarded his gold medal

00:45 SOUNDBITE: Andrei Minakov, Men’s 50m Butterfly Champion (Russian Language) (talking about his feelings at the end of the race)
“Ну, на самом деле, очень смешанные чувства и главное, что страна гордится нами”
I have many mixed feelings and the main thing that the country is proud of us.

00:52 Close shot of Andrei Minakov smiling out of the pool

00:54 SOUNDBITE: Andrei Minakov, Men’s 50m Butterfly Champion (Russian Language) (talking about the close end to the race)
“Ну, на самом деле, да, я настраивался на то, что буду на пьедестале, а уже золото, серебро и бронза – это уже должна была вода рассудить”.
I was setting myself up for being on the podium but as to which medal I will get - gold, silver or bronze - water had to decide.

01:01 Shot of Nguyễn Huy Hoàng before the race
01:06 Shots showing the start of the race
01:13 Wide shot of the final moments of the race
01:18 Close shot of Nguyễn Huy Hoàng saluting the crowd
01:23 Shot of Nguyễn Huy Hoàng taking to the podium
01:32 Shot of Nguyễn Huy Hoàng receiving his gold medal
01:38 Shot of Nguyễn Huy Hoàng during the Vietnam national anthem

01:46 SOUNDBITE: Nguyễn Huy Hoàng , Men’s 800m Freestyle Champion (Vietnamese Language)
“Em cảm thấy rất là vui ạ. Và em cảm thấy rất là phấn khởi khi em đã giành được cái này.”
I feel very happy and very proud to have won this medal.

01:53 Shot of the Russian team walking to their lane
02:00 Shots showing the start of the race
02:06 Wide shot showing a change in swimmer during the relay
02:11 Close shot of the swimmers during the race
02:14 Wide shot of the final moments of the race
02:20 Close shot of the Russian swimmers celebrating
02:27 The Russian team taking to the podium
02:35 The Russian team being awarded their gold medals
03:04 Wide shot of the Russian team with their gold medals

03:10 SOUNDBITE: Elizaveta Klevanovich, Women’s 4x100m Team Relay Champion (Russian Language)
“Очень рады этому, до сих пор не верится, что заняли первое место, вот. Ну, мы чувствовали гордость за страну, за себя, то, что этот флаг поднимется в честь нас.”
We are very happy and can’t believe that we took the first prize. But we were feeling proud for winning this medal.

03:16 Close shot of the Russian team singing the national anthem

03:22 SOUNDBITE: Daria Vaskina, Women’s 4x100m Team Relay Champion (Russian Language)
“Ну, мы чувствовали гордость за страну, за себя, то, что этот флаг поднимется в честь нас.”
We are so honoured to see the flag being lifted for the country and for ourselves.

03:31 Shot of Kaylee McKeown walking to her lane
03:36 Shots of the start of the race
03:47 Shots showing the final stages of the race
03:53 Close shot of Kaylee McKeown shaking hands with her competitors
03:57 Shot of Kaylee McKeown taking to the podium
04:03 Shot of Kaylee McKeown receiving her gold medal
04:11 Close shot of Kaylee McKeown posing for a photo with her medal

04:15 SOUNDBYTE: Kaylee McKeown, Women’s 50m Backstroke Champion (English Language)
“I mean it’s very exciting. Australia has had a few golds today so to add to that collection is something that I’m very proud of.”

04:21 Close shot of Kaylee McKeown’s gold medal

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