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STORY HEADLINE: DOUBLE SUCCESS FOR HUNGARY ON FINAL NIGHT OF SWIMMING AT YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018, GOLDS TOO FOR CZECH REPUBLIC, JAPAN AND SOUTH AFRICA

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STORY SCRIPT:

The final day of the swimming events at the Summer Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires took place on Friday.

For Barbora Seemanová of the Czech Republic, the competition came to a great conclusion.

In the first race of the evening, she powered to victory in the women’s 50 metre freestyle to take the gold medal in a time of 25.14 seconds.

It was her second gold medal of the Games, after she topped the podium in the women’s 100 metre freestyle and took the bronze in the 200 metre freestyle.

Mayuka Yamamoto of Japan took the silver medal while the bronze was shared between Junxuan Yang of China and Neza Klancar of Slovenia.

There was further joy for Japan in the pool soon afterwards when Shiori Asaba won the women’s 200 metre breaststroke in a time of 2:26.80.

It was a second medal of the Games for the 18 year old after she took a bronze in the 4 x 100 metre freestyle relay.

Kotryna Teterlevkova of Lithuania took the silver medal in 2:28.18 while the bronze medal went to Heesong Wang of South Korea, who swam a time of 2:28.83.

There was also plenty for Hungary to cheer for as they won two gold medals in the final swimming session.

Kristof Milak won his fourth medal - and third gold - of the Games with a strong performance in the men’s 200 metre butterfly.
His winning time was 1:54.89, a full second ahead of silver medal winner Denys Kesil of the Ukraine.

Federico Burdusso of Italy won the bronze medal.

Milak was pleased with his performance, but admitted his frustration at not leaving Argentina with four gold medals after losing out in the men’s 100 metre butterfly to Russian swimmer Andrei Minakov.

Fellow Hungarian Ajna Késely also won a third gold medal of the Games in the final session.

She held her nerve in the women’s 400 metre freestyle, blocking out the vocal Argentinian crowd who were urging on two of her competitors.

Késely won the race in a time of 4:07.14 for a gold medal to sit alongside those she won in the 200 and 800 metres freestyle earlier in the week.

Delfina Pignatiello delighted the home crowd by winning the silver medal in a time of 4:10.40 while the bronze medal went to Marlene Kahler of Austria who swam a time of 4:12.48.

The penultimate race of the Games was the men’s 50 metre breaststroke.

After admitting that he was disappointed in the 100 metre race of the same discipline, Michael James Houlie of South Africa bounced back in style, taking the gold medal in a time of 27.51 seconds.

Jiajun Sun of China took the silver and finishes the Games with two golds and two silvers, while the bronze medal went to Canadian Alexander Milanovich.

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:

00:03 Close up Barbora Seemanová ahead of women’s 50m freestyle
00:07 Action women’s 50m freestyle
00:21 Close up Seemanová
00:24 Women’s 50m freestyle medal ceremony

00:36 SOUNDBITE: Barbora Seemanová, Gold medal winner, women’s 50m freestyle (Czech Language)
“Publika ceska - Barbora Seemanovà... Seemanovà... Je to nádherný pocit. Jsem strasny rada uz ze mam vas, zadruhou za tohle medaile. Je to nejuvazitelny stahne tom podiu, a proste spivaci Ceskou himnu.”
Czech audience - Barbora Seemanova... Barbora Seemanova... It is a wonderful feeling. I am extremely happy, first - to have you, and second - for this medal. It is a great respect to stand on this podium and just sing the Czech anthem.

00:49 Various Women’s 50m freestyle medal ceremony

00:58 SOUNDBITE: Barbora Seemanová, Gold medal winner, women’s 50m freestyle (Czech Language)
“Nedoufala jsem ani ze mohla bych donesla to medaile ale... Rekla jsem si ze to dam vsechno a ze proste prodej pro tom maximum. A to jsem proste udelala a mam ji na krkru.”
I didn't even hope that I would manage to bring this medal. I told myself that I have to give my best and just hope for the maximum. And I just did that, and now I have it around my neck.

01:07 Women’s 50m medallists together
01:11 Close up Shiori Asaba ahead of women’s 200m breaststroke
00:13 Action women’s 200m breaststroke
00:27 Shiori Asaba celebrates winning
01:30 Shori Asaba receives gold medal

01:42 SOUNDBITE: Shiori Asaba, Gold medal winner, women’s 200m breaststroke (Japanese Language) [on winning the gold medal]
“やっぱりこの大きな舞台で自分の力を出せることは、すごい大変なことだと思ったので、でもやっぱりこの大会で、金メダルを取りたいと思っていたので、取れてよかったですね。"
I think it was really a huge challenge of competing on this big stage, but I wanted to win the gold medal in this tournament after all, and I fortunately succeeded.

01:57 Flags being lifted
02:00 Close shot of Shiori Asaba

02:03 SOUNDBITE: Shiori Asaba, Gold medal winner, women’s 200m breaststroke (Japanese Language) [on her emotions while on the podium]
“そうですね。やっぱり日本チームのチームメートがすごいことで応援してくれているのも見えましたが、やっぱり日本でも応援してくれる人に、やっぱり少しでも恩返しができたかなというふうに感じながら、聞いていました。"
Well, I heard my teammates of Japan national team cheering me up there, and I asked myself if I could perform even better to reciprocate the affection I get from those who were cheering me up in Japan as well.

02:19 Shot of the women’s 200 metre breaststroke medalists posing for a photo
02:22 Close up Kristof Milak ahead of men’s 200m butterfly
02:26 Action men’s 200m butterfly
02:40 Kristof Milak celebrates winning
02:43 Kristof Milak receives gold medal

02:48 SOUNDBYTE: Kristof Milak, Gold medal winner, men's 200 metre butterfly
(Hungarian Language) [on winning four medals at the Games]
“Jól érzem magam, büszke vagyok magamra, hogy három aranyat és egy ezüstöt sikerült szerezni. Az alapozós formához képest... összességében elégédes vagyok.”
I feel good and I am proud that I managed to win three gold medals and a silver medal. As compared to my training condition... all in all I am satisfied.

03:00 Shot of Kristof Milak with the gold medal
03:04 Shot of flags being lifted

03:07 SOUNDBYTE: Kristof Milak, Gold medal winner, men's 200 metre butterfly
(Hungarian Language) [on his emotions while on the podium]
“Igazából az jut eszembe mindig, amikor ott állok a dobozön, hallgatom a himnuszt és nézem a magyar zászlót, hogy az utam során, amin eljutottam idáig, kikkel találkoztam, kik voltak azok, akik segítettek, kik voltak azok, akik hozzájárultak az én sikereimhez. S nem feltétlenül az, hogy ki vagyok, vagy honnan jöttem.”
Actually, when I stand on the podium, listen to the anthem and take a look at the Hungarian flag I always think about the ones I met, the ones who helped me, the ones who contributed to my success. And not necessarily about who I am or where I came from.

03:34 Shot of the men’s 200 metre butterfly medalists posing for a photo
03:37 Close up Ajna Kesely ahead of women's 400m freestyle final
03:40 Action women’s 400m freestyle final
03:52 Kesely celebrates winning women’s 400m freestyle final
03:56 Various medal ceremony women’s 400m freestyle final

04:05 SOUNDBYTE: Ajna Késely, Gold medal winner, women's 400 metre freestyle
(Hungarian Language) [on how she feels at having won her third gold medal here]
“Hát ezért az aranyért üsztam most, hogy meglegyen ez a három aranyérem, úgyhogy én nagyon örülök neki, hogy ez sikerült, mert nem hittem volna.”
Well, now I went for the gold medal to get all three of them, so I am very glad that I managed to do so, because I would have never thought it was possible.

04:14 Shot of flags lifted
04:16 Close shot of Ajna Késely

04:19 SOUNDBYTE: Ajna Késely, Gold medal winner, women's 400 metre freestyle
(Hungarian Language) [on the atmosphere while she was swimming and the crowds were cheering for her opponents]
“Hát próbáltam ezt az egész argentín közönséget kikapcsolni, úgyhogy ez hálaistenek sikerült és tényleg csak arra gondoltam, hogy az otthoniak néznek és szurkolnak nekem.”
Well, I tried to switch off the Argentinian audience and thank god I managed to do that, so I could actually only think about the fact that people were watching me and supporting me back home.
04:30 Michael James Houlie ahead of men’s 50m breaststroke final
04:34 Action men’s 50m breaststroke final
04:46 Houlie celebrates winning men’s 50m breaststroke final
04:49 Various shots of medal ceremony 50m breaststroke final

04:58 SOUNDBITE: Michael James Houlie, Gold medal winner, men’s 50 metre breaststroke (English Language) [on his self belief ahead of the race]
“I was really, really confident. I wanted this really badly. I had a terrible swim in the hundred (breaststroke) It happens. I knew I had to bounce back. I knew I could take this and I gave it my all.”

05:09 Flags being lifted
15:12 Michael James Houlie singing his national anthem
05:16 Close shot of South African flag
05:20 Shot of the South African crowd
05:22 Shot of Michael James Houlie shaking hands with Canadian Alexander Milanovich

05:25 SOUNDBITE: Michael James Houlie, Gold medal winner, men’s 50 metre breaststroke (English Language) [on the emotions he felt standing on the podium listening to the South African anthem]
“It feels amazing. I can’t believe that this experience is almost over and I’m happy that I made the most of it and just to end off like this is a great way.”

05:30 Shot of medallists men’s 50m breaststroke

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