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STORY HEADLINE: BULGARIA AND GERMANY TEAM UP TO CLAIM FINAL SHOOTING GOLD AT BUENOS AIRES 2018 AS INDIA’S BHAKER HAS TO SETTLE FOR SILVER

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STORY SCRIPT:

Bulgaria's Kiril Kirov and Germany's Vanessa Seeger teamed up in the last shooting event to claim Gold in the 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team competition at the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018.

Despite both finishing outside of the medal places in the individual events earlier in the week, the duo combined to Tajikistan’s Bezham Fayzullaev and India's Manu Bhaker, 10-3. 16-year-old Bhaker was hoping to add team gold to the individual gold she won earlier in the week, but had to settle for silver.

Ukraine's Dmytro Honta and Mexico's Andrea Victoria Ibarra Miranda took bronze.

The teams were paired together based on their final rankings in the individual events.

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 Wide shot of Bulgarian Kiril Kirov, and German, Vanessa Seeger, who were crowned 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team Champions during action.
00:07 Close shot of Kiril Kirov
00:11 Wide shot of Kirov and Seeger shooting
00:17 Close shot of the screen
00:24 Shot of the Champions shaking hands and celebrating
00:31 Shots of the Champions being awarded their gold medals
00:48 Shot of the Olympic flag being lifted
00:53 Shot of the medalists posing for a photo

00:57 SOUND BITE: Vanessa Seeger, Germany, 10m Air Pistol Mixed International Team Champion (German Language)

It is indescribable. I would never have thought that this would work. Especially after the individual competition. I was quite down. However, I said to myself, you need to simply enjoy the rest. And that’s what I did. The fact that I was spontaneous about it had probably helped me to bring home a medal, I am very proud and feel super amazing for achieving it.

01:19 Shot of Vanessa Seeger celebrating

01:27 SOUND BITE: Kiril Kirov, Bulgaria, 10m Air Pistol Mixed International Team Champion (Bulgarian Language)
“Това да спечелиш злато на Олимпиадата е нещо неописуемо, изобщо участието в Олимпиада – това е мечтата на всеки един спортист и в крайна сметка всеки, който е дошъл тук, има стремеж да вземе медал.”

Winning a gold medal at the Olympics is something indescribable, generally the participation in the Olympics is the dream of every athlete, after all everyone who has come here, has the ambition to win a medal.

01:41 Wide shot of Germany’s Vanessa Seeger and Bulgaria’s Kiril Kirov during the competition.

01:47 SOUND BITE: Kiril Kirov, Bulgaria, 10m Air Pistol Mixed International Team Champion (Bulgarian Language)
“Чувството да присъстваш на Олимпиада е неописуемо още повече и това да спечелиш медал. Изобщо участието на Олимпиада е може би мечтата на всеки един спортист, така че за това сме всички тук, за да вземем медал.”
The feeling to attend the Olympic games is indescribable, especially when you win a medal. Participating in the Olympics is what every athlete dreams of, so this is why we are all here – to get a medal.

02:04 The 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team podium as the national anthems of Germany and Bulgaria played

02:10 SOUNDbite: Vanessa Seeger, Germany, 10m Air Pistol Mixed International Team Champion (German Language)

"Es ist sehr komisch, weil ich sehr offen trainiert habe, mit meinem Partner, und weil wir ein echt Spitze Team sind. Es war eine Herausforderung. Ich, persönlich mag den Punktesystem, weil man egal was für ein Schuss bekommen hat, man kann immer noch gewinnen, selbst wenn man ein Fehler gemacht hat, was natürlich passieren kann. Es hat unglaublich Spaß gemacht. Es war eine Erfahrung. Ich wird es vermissen. Also wirklich...Mir hat es sehr gut gefallen."

It is very funny, because I have trained so much with my partner and because we are a great team. It was a challenge. Personally I do like this point system. It doesn’t matter what type of shot you get, you can still win. Even when you make a mistake, which of course can happen. It was unbelievably fun. It was an experience. I will miss it. And really... I liked it a lot.

02:33 Shots of the podium as the national anthem plays.

02:40 SOUNDbite: Kiril Kirov, Bulgaria, 10m Air Pistol Mixed International Team Champion (Bulgarian Language)

"Участие в такъв смесен международен отбор е интересно предизвикателство, защото в края сметка не знаеш с кого ще се падне заедно, но това няма значение, защото пак спортът не предполага да бъде индивидуален и просто да се събират резултати. Но е интересно."

Being part of such mixed, international team is an interesting challenge, because in the end you do not know who is going to be your teammate, but this doesn’t really matter, because sport is not about the individual, nor it is only about achieving results. It was exciting.

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