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STORY HEADLINE: HUNGARY AND KAZAKHSTAN WIN GOLDS IN KAYAK HEAD TO HEAD SPRINT AT BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

The klaxon blew for the opening of the canoe competition in Puerto Madero at Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 with Hungary winning Gold in the first final of the day, the Women’s Head to Head Sprint.

The victorious Hungarian kayaker Eszter Rendessy was up against Katerina Pecsukova of Slovakia.

16-year-old Rendessy proved too strong for Pecsukova winning by more than five seconds.

The Men’s Head to Head Sprint was contested by Kazakhstan’s Dias Bakhrraddin and Islomjon Abdusalomov of Uzbekistan. This was a much tighter affair than the women’s race.

16-year-old Bakhrraddin pipped his Uzbek opponent to the line, beating him by half a second.

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 Wide shot of the Uzbek Islomjon Abdusalomov, silver medal winner of Men’s Head to Head Sprint
00:08 Close shot of Islomjon Abdusalomov during action
00:12 Shots of Kazahk Dias Bakhraoddin, Men’s Head to Head Sprint Champion crossing the finish line
00:23 Dias Bakhraoddin celebrating after the contest
00:29 Shot of the winner being awarded his gold medal

00:34 SOUNDBITE: Dias Bakhraoddin, Kazahk Men’s Head to Head Sprint Champion (Kazakh Language)

“Это очень большая честь для меня представить свой Казахстан. Я обещал Казахстану что завоюю золоту, я завоевал золоту. Спасибо Казахстану за то что меня поддерживали.”

It is a great honor for me to present my Kazakhstan. I promised Kazakhstan that I would win gold, I won gold. Thanks to Kazakhstan for all the support.

00:50 Close shot of Eszter Rendessy, Hungarian Women’s Head to Head Sprint Champion
01:01 Wide shot of the Women’s Head to Head Sprint gold medal winner crossing the finish line
01:05 Shot of the winner being awarded his gold medal

01:10 SOUNDBITE: Eszter Rendessy, Hungarian Women’s Head to Head Sprint Champion (Hungarian Language)

“Nagyon örülök neki. Nem tudtam volna elképzelni, mert tegnap nem tudtam evezni a hullámok miatt.”

I am very happy about it. I could not have imagined that this would happen, because yesterday I was not able to paddle due to the waves.

01:17 Zoom out of the Women’s Head to Head Sprint Champion during action

01:23 SOUNDBITE: Eszter Rendessy, Hungarian Women’s Head to Head Sprint Champion (Hungarian Language)

“Nagyon örülök neki. Ilyen nagy eseményen még sosem voltam.”

I am very happy about it. I have never been to such a huge event.

01:28 Close shot of the Women’s Head to Head Sprint gold medal winner during action

01:31 SOUNDBITE: Eszter Rendessy, Hungarian Women’s Head to Head Sprint Champion (Hungarian Language)

“A rajt az nagyon rossz volt, de aztán a végére már egészen… jobb lett.”

I had a very bad start, but by the end of it, it turned out to be... quite good.
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