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STORY HEADLINE: RUSSIA CLAIM DOUBLE GOLD IN OPENING TAEKWONDO EVENTS AT SUMMER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES IN BUENOS AIRES

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STORY SCRIPT:

Russia took both gold medals on offer on the opening day of Taekwondo competition at the Summer Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018.

Polina Shcherbakova, 17, won the women’s under 44kg following a 12-6 victory in the final over Mireu Kang, 16, from the Republic of Korea. Mexico’s Alicia Monserrat Rodriguez Fuentes, 15, and Lena Stojkovic, 16, claiming the two bronze medals awarded to the defeated semi-finalists.

15-year-old Russian Dmitrii Shishko claimed the men’s under 48kg gold with an 11-8 win against Ulugbek Rashitov, but his silver represented Uzbekistan’s first medal of the Games. Mohamed Khalil Jendoubi of Tunisia and Seongbin Im from Republic of Korea, both 16, were awarded bronze.

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 Olympic Games took place in Singapore in 2010. The second edition was held in the Chinese city of Nanjing in 2014.
SHOTLIST:

00:03 Russian Taekwondo athlete Polina Shcherbakova celebrates her Youth Olympic Gold medal in the Women’s -44kg competition as the final buzzer rings.

00:13 Shots of Shcherbakova receiving her Gold Medal after victory in the Women’s -44kg Taekwondo competition.

00:18 SOUNDBYTE: Polina Shcherbakova, Taekwondo Women’s -44kg Youth Olympic Champion (Russian Language)

“Отлично чувствую, хорошо себя чувствую…Я, в первую очередь, боролась за свою страну, поэтому я себя и отлично чувствую.”

I feel perfect, I feel very good…In the first place, I was fighting for my country, this is why I am feeling very good.

00:31 Action from the Women’s -44kg Taekwondo Gold Medal Contest

00:36 SOUNDBYTE: Polina Shcherbakova, Taekwondo Women’s -44kg Youth Olympic Champion (Russian Language)

“Очень много я еще с сентября-октября прошлого года, когда я в первый раз выиграла за Россию, вот к сегодняшнему моменту получается где-то год – нужно было пять соревнований выиграть, чтоб попасть сюда.”

Since last September-October when I first won for Russia and until now, in approximately a year, I had to win 5 competitions to get here.

00:54 Action of the end of the Men’s -48kg Taekwondo Gold Medal Contest and celebration from Gold Medal winning Russian Taekwondo athlete Dmitrii Shishko.

01:04 Shots of Dmitrii Shishko receiving his gold medal in the Men’s -48kg Taekwondo competition.

01:13 Action of the Men’s -48kg Taekwondo Gold Medal Contest.

01:18 SOUNDBYTE: Dmitrii Shishko, Taekwondo Men’s -48kg Youth Olympic Champion (Russian Language)

“Я, во-первых, хочу сказать большое спасибо - не только я выиграл, но и мы все, кто готовил меня, настраивал, вот. Спасибо им.”

First of all, I want to say a big thank you - it wasn’t only me, but all those who were training me, encouraging me. Big thank you to them.

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