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STORY HEADLINE: GOLD MEDALS FOR UZBEKISTAN AND ITALY IN WEIGHTLIFTING AT BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

Uzbekistan and Italy celebrated gold in the women’s 63kg category and the men’s 85kg category respectively of Weightlifting at Buenos Aires 2018.

Kumushkhon Fayzullaeva, 16, won in the women’s contest. A final lift in the Clean and Jerk of 124 kilos was enough to secure gold. The silver medallist, Thipwara Chontavin from Thailand, failed at the weight. The bronze went to Galya Chatova of Bulgaria.

Italy’s Cristiano Ficco was too strong for the rest of the field in the men’s 85kg. The reigning European Junior Champion won with lifts of 145 kilos in the snatch and 180 kilos in the Clean and Jerk.

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:

00:02 Footage of Kumushkhon Fayzullaeva getting ready for her lift
00:11 Fayzullaeva lifting in the Women’s 63kg Weightlifting Final.
00:37 Fayzullaeva steps onto the podium to receive her Gold Medal at the Youth Olympic Games
00:43 Kumushkhon Fayzullaeva wipes away tears as she is congratulated and receives her Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games mascot.

00:51 SOUNDBITE: Kumushkhon Fayzullaeva, Women’s 63kg Weightlifting Youth Olympic Champion. (Uzbek Language)
“Исмин Файзуллаева Кумушхон. О’збекистон делегатсиyasidanman. Ушбу мусобақа меня осон бо’имади. Жудаям қиғинлик билан олтин медальга өрсдим. Мен О’збекистон байрғ’ини ко’қларга ко’тарганиманда жудаям ҳурсындаман. Бу қатнашган ғоқ кatta мусобақам. Xudo xohlasa, кattalar о’rtasida ham olimpiada чемпиони бо’lishга ҳарқат qilaman”
My name is Fayzullaeva Kumushkhan, I am from Uzbekistan. It was not easy for me to win the gold medal, and I’m very glad to have the flag of Uzbekistan raised. I will try to be an Olympic champion among adults.

01:16 The medalists gather together to have their picture taken

01:20 SOUNDBITE Kumushkhon Fayzullaeva, Women’s 63kg Weightlifting Youth Olympic Champion. (Uzbek Language)
“Мусобақа чиқиш учун жудаям ко’п ҳарқат қилдим, жудаям ко’п изландим, жудаям ко’п меҳнат қилдим. Ушбу медальга өrishishingма аlbatta мураббиylarimning hissasi katta. Мураббиylarim Тог’айев Махмуд, Умидбаев Бахром акалар менга жудаям кatta ҳордам беришди. Уларга миннатдорчилик билдиргандан. Ўртдоршлиринга ҳам мени қо’либ қувватлашгани учун раҳмат аytaman.”
I have done a great deal of work to participate in this competition. I worked so hard, of course, that is my coaches who helped me win this medal. My coaches, Togayev Mahmud and Umidaev Bakhrom helped me a lot. I should say thanks to them. Furthermore, I would say thanks to my fellow countrymen for their support.

01:44 Italy’s Cristiano Ficco comes out onto the podium and gets ready for his lift
01:55 Action of Italian Cristiano Ficco executing a clean and jerk
02:15 Shots of Ficco on the podium receiving his gold medal

02:21 SOUNDBITE Cristiano Ficco, Men’s 85kg Weightlifting Youth Olympic Champion (Italian Language)
“È stato molto bello un’esperienza che mi è piaciuta molto e che vorrei farla altre cento volte.”
It was beautiful, an experience that I liked a lot and I would like to do it a hundred times more.

02:29 Shots of Cristiano Ficco receiving his Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games mascot.
02:35 SOUNDBITE Cristiano Ficco, Men's 85kg Weightlifting Youth Olympic Champion (Italian Language)
“Ho fatto molti allenamenti, non ho mai fatto una pausa, staccato un minuto, eeh ho fatto molti sacrifici per questa gara però i risultati sono usciti.”
I did a lot of training, I never took a minute off, I've made a lot of sacrifices for this competition, and the result is arrived.

02:46 The podium turn towards the flag ceremony

02:52 SOUNDBITE Cristiano Ficco, Men's 85kg Weightlifting Youth Olympic Champion (Italian Language)
“È stata molto faticosa perché ho sbagliato due prove di strappo, però lo slancio l'ho fatto molto agevolmente, posso dire che ho vinto abbastanza facilmente, ma comunque non sono molto contento perché non ho fatto quello che potevo fare però allo stesso tempo sono contento ho vinto.”
It's been very hard, I failed two Snatch attempts. I did the Clean and Jerk very easily. It was easy to win, but I'm not very happy because I did not do what I could do, but I'm very happy.

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