STORY SCRIPT:

Women's Freestyle Wrestling took centre stage in the Asia Pavilion of the Youth Olympic Park on Saturday at Buenos Aires 2018.

The United States picked up the first gold medal of the session with Emily Shilson winning in the 43 kg category. The 17 year old beat India’s Simran Simran with the judges awarding Victory by Points - with points scored by the opponent. Bronze went to Shahana Nazarova from Azerbaijan.

Sweden’s Emma Malmgren beat Uzbekistan’s Shokhida Akhmedova in the 49kg Gold Medal Match. Malmgren, who’s 17, was awarded Victory by Fall with the pair level on points at the end of their match. Natalia Varakina of Belarus won bronze.

In the 57kg category, Japan’s Noraka Ozaki won gold, beating Hungary’s Anna Szel. Victory for the 15 year old was by Technical Superiority - without points scored by the opponent.

China’s Xinru Zhou won in the 65kg. Zhou, who is 17, beat Ukraine’s Oksana Chudyk, also by Technical Superiority - without points scored by the opponent.

In the final match-up of the day in Women’s Freestyle Wrestling, Cuba’s Milaimys Marin-Potrille prevailed. The 17-year-old beat Argentina’s Linda Machuca with the judges awarding Victory by Fall.

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 Shot of Emily Shilson in action and winning the gold medal
00:14 Shot of Emily Shilson being announced as the winner
00:24 Shot of Emily Shilson stepping onto the podium
00:28 Shot of Emily Shilson being awarded the gold medal

00:32 SOUNDBITE: Emily Shilson, USA, Women’s Freestyle 43kg Champion (English Language)
“I had a great competition and since world’s this summer I knew people would be gunning for me so it’s made me step up my game and I have still got a lot to work on but it’s nice having great competition that pushes me to do better.”

00:46 Shot of Emma Malmgren in action and winning the gold medal
01:04 Shot of Emma Malmgren celebrating and being announced as the winner
01:11 Shot of Emma Malmgren stepping onto the podium

01:15 SOUNDBITE: Emma Malmgren, Sweden, Women’s Freestyle 49kg Champion (Swedish Language)
“All träning och slit har vart vårt det och jag har tränat så jäkla hårt för detta så det är bara ett bra kvitto på att man gjort rätt sak liksom.”
All the training and wear and tear has been worth it and I have trained so darn hard for this so it's just a good acknowledgment that one did the right thing sort of.

01:29 Shot of Emma Malmgren being awarded the gold medal

01:33 SOUNDBITE: Emma Malmgren, Sweden, Women’s Freestyle 49kg Champion (Swedish Language)
“På podiet. ”Då kom tårarna. Det var som att ”Detta hände verkligen!” Det var en obestridlig känsla.”
On the podium. ”Then the tears came! It was like ”This really happened!” It was an undeniable feeling!

01:41 Shot of Noraka Ozaki in action and winning the gold medal
01:57 Shot of Noraka Ozaki receiving her gold medal

02:05 SOUNDBITE: Nonoka Ozaki, Japan, Women’s Freestyle 57kg Champion (Japanese Language)
“えと、本当にとても嬉しいです。今年一番優勝したいと思っていた大会だったので、本当に優勝できてほっとしているし、とても嬉しいです。”
Well, I am very delighted to have won the competition which I have been aiming to win this year.

02:20 Shot of Noraka Ozaki running with the Japanese flag

02:27 SOUNDBITE: Nonoka Ozaki, Japan, Women’s Freestyle 57kg Champion (Japanese Language)

"とても、各国で本当に涙が出るぐらいつらいこともあって、大変だったんですけど、絶対この大会で優勝するんだという思いをもって日本で苦しい思いをしても、そのことを思い出して乗り切ってきたので、自信はありました。"

I believe every athlete must have trained very hard to compete for her country. I survived the toughest moments when I trained in Japan, and I keep in mind that I am supposed to win this competition, which makes me confident.

02:54 Shot of Xinru Zhou in action and winning the gold medal
03:10 Shot of Xinru Zhou being awarded her gold medal

03:23 SOUNDBITE: Xinru Zhou, China, Women’s Freestyle 65kg Champion (Mandarin language)

“得了金牌的感觉吧。就是很激动吧。然后没有预想到。自己没有预想自己会能拿第一。然后很感谢我的教练，一直鼓励着我，支持着我。”

I am very grateful to have a gold medal, it's something that I had never imagined and I am very grateful to my coach who helped me a lot.

03:37 Shot of Xinru Zhou shaking hands with her opponent’s coach
03:41 Shot of Xinru Zhou about to step onto the podium

03:43 SOUNDBITE: Xinru Zhou, China, Women’s Freestyle 65kg Champion (Mandarin language)

“我觉得我的对手都很好很厉害啊。我这次也都非常感谢他们，让我自己又提高了一点。他们也同时都提高了，很谢谢他们。”

My opponents were also very strong and I thank them because I could improve myself a little bit more again. Thanks to them.

03:56 Shot of Milaimys Marin-Potrille in action and winning the gold medal
04:12 Shot of Milaimys Marin-Potrille being announced as the winner
04:17 Shot of Milaimys Marin-Potrille hugging her coach
04:22 Shot of Milaimys Marin-Potrille being awarded her gold medal

04:30 SOUNDBITE: Milaimys Marin Potrille, Cuba, Women’s Freestyle 73kg Champion (Spanish Language)

“Es un sueño, mas grande de un atleta ser campeona olímpica. Para mi es magnifico, mi sueño.”

It is the greatest dream of an athlete, to be an Olympic champion and for me it is magnificent, my dream.

04:36 Shot of the medalists on the podium
04:40 SOUNDBITES: Milaimys Marin Potrille, Cuba, Women’s Freestyle 73kg Champion (Spanish Language)

“Pienso de toda la Cuba, tan grande, a mi me hizo grande también. Y eso es una voz que no se puede explicar. Se siente muy adentro.”

I thought about everything, in Cuba, how big it is, because it made me great too and that is something that can't be explained, it is something you feel inside.

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