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STORY HEADLINE: HUGO GASTON OF FRANCE WINS GOLD IN MEN'S INDIVIDUAL TENNIS AT BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

Hugo Gaston of France won the gold medal in the men's tennis at the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires on Saturday (13th October).

The 18-year-old - who won the Junior men's doubles at the 2018 Australian Open with compatriot Clement Tabur - was up against the inevitable crowd favourite Facundo Diaz Acosta of Argentina.

It was a tight match with Gaston requesting to speak to his coach midway through the second set, but the Frenchman eventually won through 6-4 7-5 to take the gold medal.

Gilbert Soares of Brazil took the bronze medal after beating Adrian Andreev of Belarus, who retired when trailing 6-4 3-1.

In the women's doubles, Kaja Juvan of Slovenian teamed up with Poland's Iga Swiatek to win the gold medal, the first gold for both nations at the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018. They beat the Japanese pair of Naho Sato and Yuki Naito 6-7 (5) 7-5 10-4.

Xinyu Wang and Xiyu Wang of China had won the bronze medal on Friday (12th October) with a 7-5 6-3 win over Maria Carle and Maria Osorio Serrano of Mexico.

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:

00:00 Match point: Facunda Diaz Acosta serves at 5-6 15:40 and Hugo Gaston wins the point to win the gold medal.
00:11 Players embracing at the net
00:14 Podium shot of the medal winners

00:19 SOUNDBYTE: Hugo Gaston, Men’s Tennis Champion (French Language)
“... c’était un match très difficile contre Facundo, qui a fait un très, très bon match contre... le public était, tous contre moi, tous avec lui, mais je suis vraiment content de m’en être sorti aujourd’hui.”
It was a very difficult game against Facundo who played a very, very good game against... the public was all against me, all in his favour, but I’m really happy I managed to get through today.

00:30 Cutaway of the game

00:36 SOUNDBYTE: Hugo Gaston Men’s Tennis Champion (French Language)
“Ben, quand j’ai entendu La Marseillaise, c’est un rêve qui se réalise. Maintenant, je pense aux vrais, vrais J.O. Mais, je suis vraiment content, et je vais savourer cette victoire.”
Well, when I heard La Marseillaise (the French national anthem), it was a dream come true. Now I am thinking about the real, real Olympic Games. But I’m truly happy and I’m going to relish this victory.

00:47 Match point: Kaja Juvan and Iga Swiatek beat Naho Sato and Yuki Naito 6-7 (5) 7-5 01:04 to win the women’s doubles gold medal
01:02 Players shake hands at the net
01:06 Podium shot of the medal winners

01:14 SOUNDBYTE: Kaja Juvan, Women’s Doubles Tennis Champion (English Language)
“It’s amazing. I mean this whole week has been so incredible tough and I don’t think I could have done it with anyone else but Iga. It’s really just not for myself but for my country, and I feel like we deserved it. We played really well the whole week so I’m just overwhelmed also.”

01:40 Cutaway of the match

01:47 SOUNDBYTE: Iga Swiatek, Women’s Doubles Tennis Champion (English Language)
“This is the first gold medal for Poland so I’m proud of that.”

01:51 SOUNDBITE: Kaja Juvan Women’s Doubles Tennis Champion (English Language)

“Yes for Slovenia also. Many bronze and silver and now gold, so it’s awesome.”

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