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STORY HEADLINE: JAPAN'S DOUBLE WORLD FOIL CHAMPION YUKA UENO ADDS YOUTH OLYMPIC GOLD TO HER COLLECTION IN BUENOS AIRES

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STORY SCRIPT:

After winning the World Championships in the Junior and Cadet categories earlier this year in Italy, Japan’s Yuka Ueno has won Gold in the Foil event at the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 today.

She beat Italy’s Martina Favaretto in the Gold Medal Match, in a repeat of the Junior World Championship final between the two 16 year olds earlier this year.

Ueno won 15-12.

The Men’s sabre individual was the other Gold Medal event at the Africa Pavilion in Buenos Aires on the first day of competition at the Games.

Hungary’s Krisztian Rabb, 16, beat Jun Hyun, also 16, of the Republic of Korea, 15-13, to claim the Gold medal.

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:

00:04 Footage of Yuka Ueno as she becomes the gold medal winner of the Women’s Foil Individual competition
00:16 Ueno shakes hand with the silver medal winner, Martina Favaretto of Italy
00:23 Yuka Ueno receives the gold medal on the podium
00:29 Footage of the final of the Men’s Sabre Individual event
00:42 Krisztian Rabb steps up on the podium as the winner of the Men's Sabre Individual competition and receives the gold medal

00:50 SOUNDBITE: Yuka Ueno, Japan, winner: Women's Foil Individual (Japanese Language)
“本当に絶対取りたいと思ってたんで、もう本当に価値のあるものだと思ってますし。ええと、世界巡演終わってから、本当に練習しました。”
I am supposed to win, and I think it is really worth my effort. And, I have been training since the world tournament was over.

01:00 SOUNDBITE: Krisztian Rabb, Hungary, winner: Men's Sabre Individual (Hungarian Language)
“Ez egy... ez egy nagyon nagy... jó verseny volt és ez az arany nagyon sokat jelent nekem. És köszönöm sok embernek: az edzőmnek, a szüleimnek és a családomnak.”
This was a... a really great... a good competition and this gold medal means a lot to me. I would like to say thanks to many people: my coach, my parents and my family.

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