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STORY HEADLINE: LONG CHEN (CHN) LENI WILDGRUBE (GER), BARBORA MALIKOVA (CZE) WIN GOLD IN THE LATE ACTION FROM ATHLETICS ON SUNDAY AT BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

The men’s high jump competition in Athletics at Buenos Aires 2018 was absorbingly competitive with Long Chen of China and Oscar Miers of Australia going toe to toe with the gold medal at stake.

Both men set personal bests of 2.22 metres, but the gold medal went to Chen who did so with one fewer attempt.

Miers had to settle for silver while the bronze medal went to Oleh Doroshchuk of the Ukraine for his clearance at 2.14 metres.

The standard of the competition was so high that four of the five top men set new personal bests.

There was a gold medal for Germany in the women’s pole vault when Leni Wildgrube cleared a height of 4.17 metres at the second attempt.

Krystsina Kantsevanka of Belarus took the silver medal with a best clearance of 3.92 metres while the bronze medal went to French athlete Emma Brentel who cleared 3.92 metres.

The women’s 400 metres was the final race of the day on the track.

At YOG, the athletics medals are decided over the aggregate of two rounds of races, rather than heats, semi finals and final and it was Barbora Malikova who took the gold medal.

The 16 year old from the Czech Republic produced a superb performance to take the gold medal in a time of 54.68 seconds.
Marie Scheppen of Germany took the silver in 55.15 seconds while the bronze went to Niddy Minglishi of Zambia with a time of 55.32 seconds.

The athletics continues on Monday (15th October) with 12 medals set to be decided.

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 Long Chen long jump attempt
00:14 Long Chen celebration

00:21 **SOUNDBITE:** Long Chen, Men’s High Jump Champion (Mandarin Language)  
[on setting a new personal best]

“没有想过，我觉得，大家水平最高也不过2米18左右，所以我觉得这个比赛还是比较有水准的。”

Yes, I didn't expect it to be such a high level of competition today because I know the competitors. I thought that most of them would reach 2.18 meters, so after seeing their results, I think this is really a very good competition.

00:31 Barbora Malikova introduced ahead of women’s 400m
00:35 Various women’s 400m race
00:51 Close up Malikova with Czech Republic flag
00:58 Malikova on Podium
01:02 Malikova receives gold medal

01:06 **SOUNDBITE:** Barbora Malikova, Women’s 400 metres Champion (Czech Language)  
[on her emotions on the podium]

“Je to uzasny pocit, protoze jsem ne cekala ze po tenhle sezone muzu jeste neco predvest a predbenhou tak tezka soubezky.”

The feeling is great, as I did not expect after such a long season to be able to advance and win such a hard contest.

01:20 Leni Wildgrube in the women’s pole vault competition

01:35 Wildgrube receives gold medal
01:47 SOUNDBITE: Leni Wildgrube Women’s Pole Vault Champion (German Language) [on her emotions when standing on the podium]
“Das Gefühl ist einfach unbeschreiblich. Ich habe keine Worte dafür. Das war eigentlich gutes Gefühl die Deutsche Hymne zu singen.”
It was..., the feeling was simply indescribable, and I have no words. It was great to sing the national anthem for my country.

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