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STORY HEADLINE: JAPAN’S TAKERU KITAZONO WINS THIRD GYMNASTICS GOLD IN MEN’S RINGS AT YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018. USA’S BRANDON BRIONES TAKES VAULT GOLD.

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STORY SCRIPT:

Japan’s Takeru Kitazono won his third gold medal in the gymnastics hall at Buenos Aires 2018.

Kitazono was awarded 4.9 by the judges for difficulty and 8.633 for execution in The Rings for a winning total of 13.533.

Felix Dolci won silver for Canada, scoring 13.366 and Dehang Yin of China was the bronze medalist, scoring 13.300.

In the second event of the night, the men’s Vault Gold was taken by the USA’s Brandon Briones.

Awarded the score of 5.2 for difficulty - the joint-highest difficulty of the night - the American received a score of 9.266 for execution to leave him with a winning total of 14.099.

Ukraine’s Nazar Chepurnyi won silver by scoring 13.983, ahead of Jacob Karlsen of Norway who scored 13.833.

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:

00:05 Japanese Gymnast Takeru Kitazono begins his Rings routine
00:11 Stuck dismount from Kitazono to confirm his third Gold medal
00:00 Kitazono receives his gold medal for the Men’s Rings Final
00:20 Kitazono steps off the apparatus and is congratulated by fellow athletes
00:28 Kitazono receives his gold medal
00:34 Wide shot of the medalists
00:38 Close up of the medalists

00:42 SOUNDBITE: Takeru Kitazono, Men’s Artistic Gymnastics Rings Champion
(Japanese Language)
“そうですね。練習たくさん積んできたんで、自信はあったから、そこまで驚いたというか、まあ自分の力を出せたら、取れると思っていたんで、あんまり驚いていないです。”
Well, I have trained hard every day and I competed with confidence. I was not surprised by the results as I believe I can win the competition as long as I demonstrate my value.

00:58 Close up of the podium
01:04 Wide shot of the podium

01:06 SOUNDBITE: Takeru Kitazono, Japan, Men’s Artistic Gymnastics Rings Champion
(Japanese Language)
“そうですね…まあ全部金メダルを狙っているんで、三つ目取れたことに満足はしていないですね。”
Well, I'm still not satisfied even though I have won the third gold, because I'm aiming for all the gold medals.

01:16 Action of Brandon Briones Vault in the Men’s Gymnastics Vault Final
01:34 Shots of Briones receiving his Gold medal
01:40 Briones has his hand on his chest as he watches his flag rise
01:44 Close up of the medalists flags

01:49 SOUNDBITE Brandon Briones, Men’s Artistic Gymnastics Vault Champion
(English Language)
“After the first day of qualification I knew I was good enough to have a shot for a medal and then after all the results came in I ended up first which was amazing.”

02:00 Close up of the Youth Olympic Vault medalists

02:06 SOUNDBITE Brandon Briones, Men’s Artistic Gymnastics Vault Champion
(English Language)
“I was just so thankful that I got this opportunity to represent my country and I am really proud that I was able to do so well.”