The final haul of wrestling medals were awarded on Sunday night with four different nationalities taking the five available Golds at Buenos Aires 2018.

Uzbekistan, USA, Azerbaijan and Russia on two occasions took top spot on the podium.

In the opening medal of the night, the Freestyle 48kg YOG title was won by Uzbekistan’s Umidjon Jalolov. The 17-year-old saw off Giorgi Gegelashvili of Georgia with a victory by Points - with points scored by the opponent.

Defeating home competitor Hernan David Almendra from Argentina, USA’s Robert Howard took the Freestyle 55kg Gold with a victory by Technical Superiority - with points scored by the opponent.

Seeing a third country finish on top of the podium, Azerbaijan’s Turan Bayramov beat Iran’s Mohammad Baghi Karimisefabadi with a victory by Points - with points scored by the opponent - in the Freestyle 65kg category.

Concluding proceedings with double gold for Russia, Akhmedkhan Tembotov won the Freestyle 80kg gold with a Victory by Technical Superiority - with points scored by the opponent - over Algeria’s Fateh Benferdjallah.

The Russian double was completed when Sergei Kozyrev beat Iran’s Amir Hossein Abbas Zare with a Victory by Points - with points scored by the opponent - to win the last medal wrestling event of the Games, the Freestyle 110kg title.

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:

00:02 Action from the Men’s 48kg fight
00:12 Jalolov Umidjon receives his Gold medal in the 48kg Wrestling Final

00:19 SOUNDbite: Jalolov Umidjon, Men’s 48kg category Champion (Uzbek Language)
“Очам муттако бошад, ҳамачода бойкати метавонам, биозмоям мусобийа. Ман худамба уверень будуам.”
Due to my mum’s support (encouragement) I can easily do sport fighting in competitions, easily. I had had a confident in myself.

Academic transcription of the speech (Tajik)
“Агар модарам муттако бошанд, дар ҳама ҷо тавассути варзиш, дар мусобиҳо иштирок кардамон осон аст. Ман ба худам бовард боштам.”

00:25 Footage from the Men’s 55kg fight and Champion Robert Howard’s winning move.
00:42 Howard receives his Youth Olympic Gold medal in the Men’s 55kg Wrestling Final.

00:49 SOUNDbite: Robert Howard, Men’s 55kg category Champion (English Language)
“He came out and he brought it, the crowd was behind him they took me out of my game a little bit. He seemed to get stronger as they get more into it. Hats off to him I am so happy for him getting to the finals, but I just wasn’t going to lose today.”

01:11 Howard congratulates home favourite Argentinian Hernan David Almendra by presenting him to the crowd.

01:18 SOUNDbite: Robert Howard, Men’s 55kg category Champion (English Language)
“It was hard not to cry because I put in a lot of hours, I have been waiting to see for a long time, whether it be in the world championship or here in the Olympics. I have been waiting to watch the American flag rise up.”

01:33 Action from the Men’s 65kg Wrestling final
01:46 Turan Bayramov receives his Gold medal
01:54 SOUNDBITE: Turan Bayramov, Men’s 65kg category Champion (Azerbaijani Language)
“4 il məşq etmişəm, çox sevinciyəm, həddi, hüdudu yoxdur sevincimin, qızıl medalda böyük bir şeydi, sevinciyəm.”
I have been training for 4 years, I am really happy, boundlessly happy, the gold medal is an important thing, I am happy.

02:09 Action from the Men’s 80kg Wrestling Final.
02:31 Russian Akhmedkhan Tembotov receives his Youth Olympic Gold medal.

02:39 SOUNDBITE: Akhmedkhan Tembotov, Men’s 80kg category Champion (Russian Language)
“Это самые серьезные соревнования – Олимпийские игры – я, можно считать, с детства к этому шел и по воле Всевышнего все получилось.”
Olympic Games are very serious competitions. I have been coming closer to my dream since I was a child and by God's will it came true.

02:53 Action from the Men’s 110kg Wrestling Final
03:06 Kozyrev receives his Gold medal

03:12 SOUNDBITE: Sergei Kozyrev, Men’s 110kg category Champion (Russian Language)
“Ну, готовился, получается, с самого детства, как только пошел на борьбу и это маленький шаг к моей мечте и мне очень приятно то, что я сегодня выиграл…”
I have been preparing for this since I was a child, since I started wrestling. This is a little step towards my dream. I am happy with my victory today.

03:27 Shots from the Men’s 110kg Wrestling Final

03:33 SOUNDBITE: Sergei Kozyrev, Men’s 110kg category Champion (Russian Language)
“Это приятно, конечно, очень, что обрадовал страну, республику, город свой и очень приятно стоять на пьедестале, на первом месте и слышать свой гимн.”
I am very pleased to make my country, my republic and my city happy. I am happy to stand on the podium, on the very top of it and hear my national anthem.

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