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STORY HEADLINE: GOLDS FOR ARGENTINA, UKRAINE AND CUBA IN FIELD EVENTS ON DAY TWO OF ATHLETICS FINALS AT YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

Argentina's Sasia Nazareno won the first gold medal of Monday’s afternoon session of athletics at the Youth Olympic Park at Buenos Aires 2018.

The 17-year-old shot putter went into the day as the highest ranked from Friday's session. He again could not be beaten, measured at 21.25, slightly down on his earlier distance but still good enough for gold in the Men's Shot Put. Silver went to Jialiang Xing from China. Italy’s Alessandro Carmelo Musci won bronze.

Gold in the Women’s Hammer went to Valeriya Ivanenko of Ukraine. The 17-year-old threw 72.08m, Monday, to add to Friday’s throw in windier conditions of 74.90m. It put her well clear of her rivals on the aggregate system of scoring. Egypt’s Rawan Ayman-Ibrahim-Barakat won silver. Bronze went to Alegna Osorio Mayari from Cuba.

Ukraine also triumphed in the Men’s Hammer. Mykhaylo Kokhan, 17, threw 85.14m, down on 85.97 mark from Friday. There was little danger of anyone on the aggregate scoring system catching him though, putting out the longest throw of the second and final stage. Valentin Andreev from Bulgaria won silver, China’s Qi Wang bronze.

Later, high jumper Yaroslava Mahuchikh made it a golden treble for Ukraine. The 17 year old was the leading jumper on Friday going clear at 1.92m. She went higher in Stage 2, clearing 1.95, again the best jump of the session, ensuring gold. Mariya Kochanova won silver, Finland’s Jessica Kahara bronze.

Over at the Long Jump Cuba’s Lester Alcides Lescay-Gay won gold. He went into the day trailing Australia Joshua Cowley. But a second stage best jump of 7.89m was enough for the 17 year old score, despite Cowley managing a personal best of 7.82m. So Gold to Lescay-Gay, silver to Cowley and bronze for Japan’s Koki Wada.
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 Shot of Ukraine’s Mykhayko Kokhan throwing and celebrating
00:17 Shot of Mykhayko Kokhan stepping onto the podium and being awarded gold

00:32 SOUNDbite: Mykhayko Kokhan, Men’s Hammer Throw Champion (Ukrainian Language)

“Эа... я себя чувстаю безумно счастливым, наконец-то закончился этот сезон, он был очень длинным, Чемпионат Европы, Чемпионат мира по юниорам, и после Чемпионата мира по юниорам я не отдохнал, то есть три месяца работал и шел к олимпийским играм, наконец-то золото. золото.”

Erm.. I feel extremely happy, and finally this season came to an end, it was really long, European Championship, World Junior Championship and after World Junior Championship I didn’t have a rest, I mean for three months I have been working and heading to the Olympic Games and finally gold, gold!

00:52 Shot of Lester Alcides Lescay-Gay executing his best jump followed by celebratory push-ups
01:09 Shot of Lester Alcides Lescay-Gay with a Cuban flag speaking to his coach
01:14 Shot of Lester Alcides Lescay-Gay stepping onto the podium and being awarded gold

01:20 SOUNDbite: Lester Alcides Lescay-Gay, Men’s Long Jump Champion (Spanish Language)

“Se siente muy bien. Ya que hoy también es mi cumpleaños y es muy guay ganando en esta manera. Lo sabía que voy a tener rivales fuertes desde que ha sido el segundo pero eso solo me ha dado más fuerza para ganar esta medalla.”

It feels so good because today is also my birthday, and it is very nice to win this way. I knew I would have really hard rivals since the last time I finished in second place, but that gave me more strength in order to win this time.

01:34 Shot of Sasia Nazareno executing his best shot put throw
01:51 Shot of Sasia Nazareno holding up the Argentina flag
01:56 Shot of Sasia Nazareno stepping onto the podium and receiving gold

02:06 SOUNDBITE: Sasia Nazareno, Men’s Shot Put Champion (Spanish Language)
“Después de 21.94 viernes pasado, diría que tenía grandes chancees y el día de hoy vine con toda mi energía y por suerte podría hacerlo.”
After 21.94 on friday I thought I had big chances, that is why today I came with all my energy and luckily I could do it.

02:17 Shot of Valeriya Ivanenko executing her best throw in the hammer throw
02:31 Shot of Valeriya Ivanenko holding up the Ukraine flag
02:36 Shot of Valeriya Ivanenko stepping onto the podium and receiving gold

02:45 SOUNDBITE: Valeriya Ivanenko, Women’s Hammer Throw Champion (Ukrainian Language)
“Я не обращала внимания, я пыталась сосредоточиться на своём деле и делать его.”
Ah.. I wasn't paying attention, I was trying to focus on my business and do it.

02:52 Shot of Yaroslava Mahuchikh clearing 1.95m
03:02 Shot of Yaroslava Mahuchikh celebrating with fellow Ukrainians
03:08 Shot of Yaroslava Mahuchikh running with the Ukraine flag
03:14 Shot of Yaroslava Mahuchikh stepping onto the podium and receiving gold

03:23 SOUNDBITE: Yaroslava Mahuchikh, Women’s High Jump Champion (Ukrainian Language)
“Коли я стрибнула 189 см і моє подружка Маріна Кочанова не стрибнула, я розумію що я золота медалістка в мене є золота медаль але я ще хотіла стрибнути 195, я це зробила.”
When I jumped 189 cm, and my friend Marina Kochanova didn’t jump I realized that I am a gold medalist and I have the gold medal, but I also wanted to jump 1.95, I did it.

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