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STORY HEADLINE: BULGARIA TAKE ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS GOLD AT BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:
Acrobatic Gymnastics gold has gone to Bulgaria at this summer's Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Buenos Aires 2018.

Taking to the floor last in the final, the mixed pair of Mariela Kostadinova, 17, and Panayot Dimitrov, 18, provided a routine with the joint highest difficulty awarded by the judges on the night of 1.400.

Scoring highest in both Artistic and Execution, the duo finished with a final score of 27.850 to rise to the top of the leaderboard and take gold.

Israel's Noa Kazado Yakar and Yonatan Fridman won silver with a score of 27.590 whilst Ukraine took bronze thanks to Daryna Plokhotniuk and Oleksandr Madel’s score of 27.450.

Buenos Aires 2018 is the third edition of the Summer Youth Olympic Games 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  Footage of the mixed pair of Mariela Kostadinova and Panayot Dimitrov during their routine
00:19  Detail shot of Kostadinova
00:24  Kostadinova and Dimitrov during their acrobatics routine
00:38  The Bulgarian pair as they receive the results of their performance
00:48  Mariela Kostadinova and Panayot Dimitrov step-up onto the podium and wave to the public
00:55  Kostadinova and Dimitrov receive their gold medals

01:11  SOUNDBITE: Mariela Kostadinova, Acrobatic Gymnastics Champion (English Language)
"I don’t know, it was so fast and I cannot believe it!"

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