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STORY HEADLINE: GOLDS FOR ECUADOR, ETHIOPIA, NIGERIA AND SOUTH AFRICA ON ATHLETICS TRACK IN YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

The athletics action at the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires continued in glorious sunshine on Monday (15th October).

The men’s 5,000 metre race walk was one of the first events to be decided with Oscar Patin of Ecuador taking the gold medal.

Stage one of the events had taken place on Thursday (11th October) and Patin had won that in a time of 20:13.69 - over 10 seconds ahead of his closest competition.

This gave him a comfortable margin ahead of stage two on Monday, and while India’s Suraj Panwar won the race in a time of 20:35.87, Patin finished in 20:38.17 to boast a better aggregate time which duly gave him the gold medal.

Panwar took the silver for India while the bronze went to Jan Moreu of Puerto Rico.

Chinese athlete Xin Wang had been third after the stage one race but was disqualified during stage two.

Tasew Yada won the men’s 800 metres gold medal.

The Ethiopian had been the fastest athlete in stage one, clocking an impressive time of 1:49.38, and produced another impressive run of 1:50.38 to take the gold medal with something to spare.

Silver went to Gouaned Mohamed Ali of Algeria while the bronze medal was won by 16-year-old Mehmet Celik of Turkey.

The women’s 100 metres was won by Rosemary Chukuma of Nigeria.
She was the third fastest after the stage one races when she ran a time of 12.03 seconds.

But she improved on that significantly in stage two, clocking a time of 11.17 seconds to scoop the gold medal.

Silver went to Julien Alfred of St Lucia who ran a time of 11.23 while a time of 11.29 gave Gabriela Anahi Suarez of Ecuador the bronze.

The men's 100 metres was similarly closely contested.

Luke Davids of South Africa had run 10.56 seconds in stage one - the fastest of all the heat times - but there were several athletes likely to put him under pressure during stage two.

He showed plenty of resilience, however, and among a higher calibre field, ran a superb race to power to the gold medal in a time of 10.15 seconds.

Silver went to Nigeria's Alaba Olukunle Akintola who ran a time of 10.24 seconds while Seiryo Ikeda of Japan took the bronze medal after clocking 10.30 seconds in stage two.

The athletics of the Youth Olympics will conclude on Tuesday (16th October).

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 Shot of the men’s 100m final won by Luke Davids
00:08 Close shot of Luke Davids celebrating the win with a South Africa flag

00:16 SOUNDBITE: Luke Davids, Men’s 100m Champion (English Language)
“It feels amazing. I’ve been watching the TV since the age of seven, watching the greats participating in the Olympics, so to be Olympic champion myself is a great honour especially representing my country. I’m very proud and I want to say thanks to the Lord for the opportunity because it’s only because of him.”

00:35 Shot of the men’s 800m race starting
00:43 Shot of Tasew Yada winning the race
00:49 Shot of Tasew Yada stepping onto the podium and receiving gold
00:54 Shot of the medallists biting their gold medals on the podium

00:59 SOUNDBITE: Tasew Yada, Men’s 800m Champion (Amharic Language)
"በ ጣ ምብ ዙወ ራ ትነ ውየ ተ ለ ማወ ድ ነ ው፣ ዚው ጤ ትለ መ ም ጣ ትብ ዙነ ገ ርነ ውየ ተ ሲ ራ ው፣ Ꮰሶ ሲ ሲ ሰ ራ ንጥ ሲው ጤ ትአ ም ጥ ተ ና ። "
We have practiced for months and worked hard to reach this point, it’s because of our hard work we got good results.

01:11 Sequence of shots showing action from stage 1 of the men’s 5000m race walk on Thursday
01:25 Shot of Suraj Panwar winning stage 1 of the race
01:33 Shot of Oscar Patin celebrating with a Ecuador flag having won gold with a better aggregate time
01:36 Shot of Oscar Patin being awarded the gold medal

01:41 SOUNDBITE: Oscar Patin, Men’s 5000m race walk Champion (Spanish Language)
"Si. Estado concentrado ochenta días fuera de casa para este evento que se ha realizado. Nosotros estuvimos que trasladamos a otro lugar para entrenar con el entrenador y allí hemos entrenado muy duro, y tenemos los resultados que queríamos."
I have been away from home during 80 days, concentrating on this event that has taken place and we had to relocate somewhere else to train with the coach. We have been training very hard and we have gotten the results that we wanted,

02:00 Shot of the women’s 100m final being won by Rosemary Chukuma
02:13 Shot of Rosemary Chukuma celebrating
02:16 Shot of Rosemary Chukuma stepping onto the podium and being awarded the gold medal

02:27 SOUNDBITE: Rosemary Chukuma, Women’s 100m Champion (Igbo Language)
"Enwere m obi uto taa, ana m ekele Chineke maka ihe O meere m taa maka ime m onye mbu. otú O si meere m ....... “
I am happy today, thank you for what he (the coach) did for me today for being the first person. how He did for me ........

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