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STORY HEADLINE: RUSSIAN SHOOTER SHAMAKOV WINS FIRST GOLD MEDAL OF 3RD SUMMER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

The first gold medal of the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games went to Russian shooter Grigorii Shamakov when he won the 10m air rifle men's competition at Sarmiento Park on Sunday.

Shamakov, who is 18, claimed gold with a final score of 249.2 points. He said: "I didn’t have the best start but I was able to keep calm and improve. I had a plan to prepare to win the gold medal and I’m very happy that I have managed to achieve that."

Shahu Mane from India took silver with 247.5, while Aleksa Mitrovic of Serbia won bronze after going agonisingly close to the Indian shooter’s score, with a difference of only 0.1 in the penultimate round.

For individual shooting events at Buenos Aires 2018 shots are fired at a ten ring target in the qualification. Men and women have to fire 60 shots in 75 minutes. The final consists of two five-shot series to be fired in command in a time of 50 seconds.

Eliminations of the lowest scoring finalists begin after the 12 shots and continue after every two shots until the gold and silver medals are decided. There is a total of 24 shots in the final.

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 Olympic Games took place in Singapore in 2010. The second edition was held in the Chinese city of Nanjing in 2014.

**SHOTLIST:**

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01:01 SOUNDBYTE: Grigorii Shamakov, Russian Shooter (Russian Language)

"На самом деле, я собой очень доволен. Я показал неплохой результат на квалификации и хороший результат в финале. Я очень доволен и очень рад этой победе."

I am very pleased with myself. I showed a good qualifying result and a good result in the final. I am very pleased and very happy about this victory.

01:16 Russian shooter Grigorii Shamakov sings the national anthem

01:19 SOUNDBYTE: Grigorii Shamakov, Russian Shooter (Russian Language)

"Мне кажется, я очень много сделал правильно, но были, конечно, моменты, которые мне не нравились, я совершал ошибки глупые, но я старался закрывать их хорошими пробоями и хорошиими десятками."

I think I did a lot of things right, but there were some moments that needed improving, I made some silly mistakes, but I tried to close them with good tens.

01:35 Detail of Russian shooter Grigorii Shamakov

01:39 SOUNDBYTE: Grigorii Shamakov, Russian Shooter (Russian Language)

"Эти юношеские олимпийские игры очень много значат для меня. Я с детства мечтал попасть на взрослые олимпийские игры. Эти олимпийские игры как маленькая ступенька к моей мечте. Я очень рад и очень собой доволен."

The Youth Olympic games mean a lot to me. Since childhood, I dreamed of getting into the Olympic Games for adults. These Olympic games are like a small step towards my dream. I am very happy and very pleased with myself.

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