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STORY HEADLINE: CHINA TAKE GOLD IN MIXED TABLE TENNIS AT BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

China dominated the Mixed Team table tennis event at Buenos Aires 2018 to collect gold on Monday.

The Mixed Team event consisted of three matches against each opponent, with the best of three advancing in the competition.

The duo of Yingsha Sun and Chuqin Wang picked up the gold undefeated, dropping just one match in the whole tournament at the hands of Japan in the final.

Winning the first and third match to win 2-1 overall, China claimed the top spot on the podium and forced Miu Hirano and Tomokazu Harimoto to accept silver.

Completing the podium, the Chinese Taipei duo of Pei-Ling Su and Yun-Ju Lin won two of the three matches against a Mixed International Team to claim bronze with a 2-1 score line.

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 Wide shot of China winning a point following a rally
00:08 Close up shot of the Japanese team
00:11 Wide shot of China winning their final point to claim gold before clapping the crowd
00:20 Shot of members of the Chinese team in the crowd celebrating

00:22 SOUNDBITE: Chuqin Wang, Mixed Team Champion (Mandarin Language)
“呃，大家好，我叫王楚钦。我来自中国，我是中国乒乓球队运动员。”
Hey, everyone, my name is Chuqin Wang, and I am from China. I am an athlete of the Chinese Table Tennis Team.

00:27 SOUNDBITE: Yingsha Sun, Mixed Team Champion (Mandarin Language)
“大家好，我叫孙颖莎，我来自中国，我是中国乒乓球队运动员。”
Hello everyone, my name is Yingsha Sun, and I am from China. I am a Chinese table tennis player.

00:31 Wide shot of China winning a point

00:34 SOUNDBITE: Chuqin Wang, Mixed Team Champion (Mandarin Language)
“呃，我觉得，嗯，今天双方都发挥出了很高的水平吧。然后可能第1场非常关键吧，孙颖莎在这种逆境当中能转场出来也觉得非常不容易吧。到了第3场双打也发挥的非常好。”
Oh, I think, um, both sides have shown a very high level today. Then maybe the first round was very crucial. It is not easy for Yingsha Sun to turn around in the adversity. We did a good job in the third round.

00:53 Wide shot of China winning gold and hugging

00:57 SOUNDBITE: Yingsha Sun, Mixed Team Champion (Mandarin Language)
“呃，我觉得今天确实对方都发挥出了自己的水平了吧。然后自己赛前也想到了吧，可以输或者打到第5局吧。然后我觉得支撑自己的还是最后的信念吧。然后我觉得还是抱着一种不放弃去咬的心态吧。然后在第2场虽然说他失利了吧，但是我觉得我们还是有信心把这场赢下来吧。”
Oh, I think that the other side has really shown their best level today. Then I thought about it before the game - we might lose or come to the 5 round. Then I feel that finally it was my faith that supported myself to the end. Although he lost the second round...Well, anyway, I thought we still had the confidence to win this game.

01:24 Shot of the medallists walking to the podium
01:34 SOUNDBITE: Chuqin Wang, Mixed Team Champion (Mandarin Language)
“呃，我觉得首先拿到金牌这一刻非常开心吧，但是自己在比赛中还是出现了一些问题。然后第2场也输了，我觉得还是有很多自己值得总结的地方吧。”

eh, I think it's very fun to get the gold medal first, but I still had some problems in the game. You know, I lost the second round, so I think there are still many places worthy of summing up.

01:46 Shot of the Chinese team being awarded their gold medals
01:58 Wide shot of the podium with the Chinese team biting their medals

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