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STORY HEADLINE: ARGENTINA’S FAUSTO RUESGA WINS GOLD IN MEN’S DUNK CONTEST IN FRONT OF PACKED CROWDS AT YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018. FRANCE’S MATHILDE PEYREGNE WINS WOMEN’S SHOOT-OUT

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STORY SCRIPT:

It was skills day on the 3x3 Basketball court at Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018, with the men’s Dunk competition and women’s Shoot-Out taking place.

At a packed court in Urban Park in downtown Buenos Aires, local favourite Fausto Ruesga who took gold in the men’s Dunk. He performed his final two dunks draped in the Argentinian flag, much to the delight of the huge crowd.

In a tightly contested final with Russia’s Nikita Remizov, the gold medal was finally decided in an extra round after scores were level after the first three rounds of dunking. Highest and lowest marks of the five judges are taken away, and the score is calculated adding together the other three.

Ruesga showed ingenuity throughout the competition, and even plucked a young boy from the crowd to be part of one his dunk routines.

Niccolo Filoni of Italy took bronze after narrowly missing out on the final. He was tied with Ruesga and Remizov after the semi finals, but was eliminated after an extra round.

France’s Mathilde Peyregne won gold in the women’s Shoot-Out.

Athletes have five attempts to shoot baskets from each of four stations positioned around the court. Whoever makes the most baskets wins. If athletes are level on points, the position is determined by who completed all their shots quickest. That is how silver and bronze was decided. Katerina Galickova of the Czech Republic and Argentina’s Sofia Acevedo both scored eight baskets but Galickova completed her shots in the faster time.
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 Action of Fausto Ruesga of Argentina dunking and celebrating.
00:11 Close view of the judges with the dunk qualification.
00:14 Action of a dunk over a child who acted as is he was injured on a stretcher.
00:22 Close view of the judges with the dunk qualification.
00:25 Action of another dunk from Ruesga, while draped in the Argentinian flag, and then celebrating.
00:39 Ruesga receives the gold medal.
00:42 Close view of the three medal winners.
00:43 Action of Ruesga biting the gold medal.
00:45 Close view of the fans.

00:46 SOUNDBITES: Fausto Ruesga, Men’s Dunk Contest Youth Olympic Champion
(Spanish Language)
“Lo practico mucho pero fe no tenia, pero la verdad la fe para ganar el oro no tenia. Iba dar lo mejor de mi. La verdad es que solo venia para dar lo mejor de mi pero nunca se me paso por la cabeza que voy a ganar la medalla de oro.”

I practice a lot but I didn’t have faith, if I am honest, not enough faith for the gold medal. I knew I would give my best effort but it never came into my mind I could win the gold one.

00:59 Action of Ruesga dunking.

01:05 SOUNDBITES: Fausto Ruesga, Men’s Dunk Contest Youth Olympic Champion
(Spanish Language)
“Y ver a la gente que viene para acá la verdad que tremendo. Es especial. Juegos Olímpicos en tu país es algo muy especial.”

Watching the people that come here and support you is amazing, an Olympic Games in your country it’s something special.

01:16 Action of France’s Mathilde Peyregne shooting.
01:33 Action of Peyregne stepping onto the podium and receiving the gold medal.
01:43 Close view of the three medal winners biting their medals.
01:48 SOUNDBITE: Mathilde Peyregne, Women’s Shoot-Out Contest Youth Olympic Champion (French Language)
"Franchement, j'y pensais pas, si vous voulez. J'ai un rêve comme tout le monde d'avoir une médaille, d'avoir la médaille d'or, mais je me suis entraînée comme tous les jours, depuis que je fais du basket, je shoote, je shoote, ça c'est mon point fort, donc... J'ai essayé de mettre tout ça en oeuvre et ça a marché, donc tant mieux!"

Honestly, I didn’t expect it. I have a dream, like everybody of getting a medal, of winning the gold medal, but I've trained like I've been training everyday since I have been playing basketball. I shoot, I shoot, that's my strong point, so.... I've tried to put everything together and it worked, so all the better.

02:03 Action of Mathilde Peyregne shooting.

02:08 SOUNDBITE: Mathilde Peyregne, Women's Shoot - Out Contest Youth Olympic Champion (French Language) [on the level of the tournament]
"Ah oui, très très, il était très difficile. Lorsqu'on voit que ça joue à un point. Sur les qualifications, j'ai failli ne pas passer, et au final, ça se joue à peu. J'étais loin d'être partie et les paniers, je ne mettais rien, donc... Franchement, c'était vraiment très dur, c'était vraiment un beau, une belle finale."

Yes, very, very, it was very difficult. When one realizes that one point made all the difference. As for the qualifications, I almost didn't pass, and at the end, it was very close, I started badly and then the baskets, I wasn't scoring any, so.... Honestly, it was really very hard, it was really a beautiful final.

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