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STORY HEADLINE: THAILAND BEAT USA TO GOLD IN CLOSE FINISH IN MIXED TEAM GOLF COMPETITION AT YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

Thailand’s Atthaya Thitikul and Vanchai Luangnitikuln won the Mixed Team Golf gold medal at the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018.

They beat Lucy Li and Akshay Bhatia of the USA by one shot over the three day tournament. The first round was four-ball better ball, where the best score from one of the two players counts. The second round was foursomes, where teams used one ball and played alternate strokes. The final round was a cumulative team score of men’s and women’s individual strokeplay scores.

Thailand’s total across the 72 holes was 268, the USA was 269, the bronze medal went to Argentina’s Ela Anacona and Mateo Fernandez de Oliveira who were a further four shots back on 273.

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:

00:04 Shot of Vanchai Luangnitikul tee ing off
00:08 Close shot of Atthaya Thitikul
00:11 Shot of Atthaya Thitikul taking a shot onto the green
00:20 Shot of Atthaya Thitikul holing a putt to confirm gold and celebrating with her teammate
00:36 Shot of the Thailand team stepping onto the podium and being awarded their medals

00:55 SOUNDbite: Vanchai Luangnitikul, Mixed Team Champion (English Language)
“It’s so amazing to get a gold medal. Me and my teammate are so happy we’ve done this. Today, we just had fun out there and did our best and actually on our last three holes, we didn’t know we had a chance to win a gold medal because America were in the lead with 15 under par and we only had 10, so the last three holes we just did our best and at 17 and 18 she made birdie, birdie so that’s why we got the gold medal and I’m happy with me and her.”

01:28 Close shot of an emotional Vanchai Luangnitikul during the national anthem
01:33 Shot of the medalists on the podium

01:42 SOUNDbite: Atthaya Thitikul, Mixed Team Champion (Thai Language)
“ค่ะ จริง ๆ เข้าใจเหมือนฉันนี่ก็มีความสุขกับกิจกรรมนี้ ถึงทางทีมฯที่มีทุกคนได้กิจกรรม จากด้านไปด้วย ประสบการณ์นี้เป็นสร้างความสุขใจให้กับพ่อแม่ นี่ยิ่งให้ได้เรียนรู้ในเรื่องนี้ ทำให้ทุกคนในไทยตระ哢กิจกรรมนี้”
Yes, actually this gold medal is very important. I actually didn’t come here for myself but for the country and for every Thai citizens. I got the gold medal today and I am handing happiness back to Thai people. I thank the Thai people for continued support.

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