STORY HEADLINE: MEXICO’S RANDAL WILLARS VALDEZ WINS THRILLING BATTLE IN 10M DIVING PLATFORM FINAL AT YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

A full house at the Natatorium witnessed a thrilling battle for gold in the 10m Platform Final at the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018.

Mexico’s Randal Willars Valdez claimed gold ahead of China’s Junjie Lian after the pair had swapped the lead throughout the competition.

Willars Valdez was the penultimate diver to go, and had to wait nervously to see if Lian could better his total of 609.80. The Chinese diver came up short and finished on a total of 600.05 after the five rounds.

Russia’s Ruslan Ternovoi claimed bronze.

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 Mexico’s Randal Willars Valdez, the Men’s Diving 10m Platform Champion
00:12 Shot of Valdez’s coach clapping
00:13 Close shot and action of the Mexican Champion in the Men’s Diving 10m Platform Final
00:17 Shot of Valdez’s coach celebrating
00:19 Action shot of the Mexican Champion
00:23 Shot of Randal Willars Valdez celebrating
00:28 Shot of the winner being awarded his Gold medal
00:43 Shot of the medalists National flags

00:46 SOUNDBITE: Randal Willars Valdez, Youth Olympic Men’s Diving 10m Platform Champion (Spanish Language)
“Se entrena bastante. Es una cosa de constancia, de persistencia, dar todos los días lo mejor de ti en todos los entrenamientos, como si fuera un día de la competencia. Y es algo que no se da en un día, en un mes, en una semana. Es algo… se entrena y se entrena todos los días y tu tienes que esforzarte sobre todo en los momentos donde las cosas parecen no estar bien. Y bueno nada… es, al final el resultado siempre da sentir que todo ha valido la pena.”
You train a lot, it’s a thing of perseverance, of persistence, of standing every day to give the best of you in each training, as if it were the day of the competition and it's something that does not happen in a day, in a month, in a week, it’s training and training every day and you have to make an effort, especially in the moments where things seem not to be good. In the end the result makes you feel that everything was worth it.

01:21 Shot of the medalists posing for a photo

01:27 SOUNDBITE: Randal Willars Valdez, Youth Olympic Men’s Diving 10m Platform Champion (Spanish Language)
“Yo venía por una medalla. Yo sabía que yo tenía todo para ganar alguna medalla de cualquiera color y sabía que a la hora de la competencia se iba definir todo, sobre todo los últimos clavados. Yo solo pensé en hacerlo que se y hacer lo mío..., hacer mi propia competencia. Y ya en el último clavado la verdad que sabía que es el ganador y que tenía que hacer.”
The truth is that I came for a medal, I knew that I had everything to win a medal of any color and I knew that everything was going to be defined at the time of the competition, especially in the last dive, and I just thought about do what I know, in doing my thing, my own competition, and already in the last dive I knew it was the winning one and that I had to do well.

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