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STORY HEADLINE: BASKETBALL FAMILY AND GLOBAL SPORTS COMMUNITY HONOURS PATRICK BAUMANN AT MEMORIAL SERVICE

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A memorial service for International Olympic Committee (IOC) member and International Basketball Association (FIBA) General Secretary Patrick Baumann was held in Lausanne, Switzerland on Friday afternoon (November 2).

Mr Baumann died last month in Buenos Aires at the age of 51. He was attending the Youth Olympic Games (YOG), where Basketball 3x3 was being played for the third time, following its successes in Nanjing 2014 and Singapore 2010 YOGs. Mr Baumann was one of the driving forces behind the inclusion of Basketball 3x3 into the Olympics and one of his greatest legacies will be the sport being part of the Tokyo 2020 programme.

IOC President Thomas Bach was among those to attend the service at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Lausanne.

In his speech at the memorial, Mr Bach said: "Let us remember that even in this time of mourning and sadness, we should also celebrate Patrick's life. We are grateful for his great contribution to make the world a better place through sport. We are grateful that he was with us and we could call him a true friend. Let us celebrate the spirit of friendship and optimism because these are the values that Patrick personified. This is what Patrick wants us to do, and I know how much he will appreciate this celebration of the Olympic Values. Farewell, my dear friend Patrick.”

A Swiss national, he was President of the Lausanne 2020 Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee.

More information here.

SHOTLIST:
00:05 SOUND BITE: Horacio Muratore, President of FIBA (French language)
“There are no words to describe the pain that we have been feeling since the loss of our friend, Patrick. Most of us knew Patrick personally. To me, above all else, he was a friend. A real friend on whom I could always count. He was also a husband and father, for whom family was paramount. Without Patrick, basketball would not be the global sport it is today. Thanks to his passion, his continuous commitment, his work ethic combined with his wonderful personality, Patrick made his mark in the history of FIBA and that of world basketball. The best way to honour Patrick is to continue his legacy.”

01:11 SOUND BITE: Thomas Bach, IOC President (French language)
“This is why moments of remembrance like the one today are so important. Through this act of remembrance, the spirit of Patrick continues to live on in all our hearts. Let us remember that even in this time of mourning and sadness, we should also celebrate Patrick’s life. We are grateful for his great contribution to make the world a better place through sport. We are grateful that he was with us and we could call him a true friend. Let us celebrate the spirit of friendship and optimism because these are the values that Patrick personified. This is what Patrick wants us to do, and I know how much he will appreciate this celebration of the Olympic Values. Farewell, my dear friend Patrick.”

02:27 SOUND BITE: Grégoire Junod, Mayor of the City of Lausanne (French language)
“Patrick Baumann loved Lausanne. It was his city of hearts, he once told me. This was a bond he had begun creating during his years here as a student. Indeed, Patrick was studying at the University of Lausanne, where he graduated with a law degree. He resided in student housing, near the train station, and often met with his friends at the Café Romand, the mythical establishment of the Place Saint Francois. It was also in this square that Patrick worked for some time at the Swiss Bank Corporation shortly before joining FIBA, where he established the career we know.”

03:04 SOUND BITE: Philippe Leuba, Canton of Vaud State Councillor (French language)
“He had never forgotten that sport was first of all an affair of people, of hope, of shared values, of emotion and of passion. This is the huge legacy that Patrick leaves to us. This is to have made the eyes of kids and teenagers shine so brightly. The Youth Olympic Games Lausanne 2020 were the illustration of Patrick’s values. Sport, the Olympic Ideal, for the youth, for tomorrow’s generations. So that the eyes of the children go on shining.”

04:01 SOUND BITE: Guy Parmelin, Sports Minister (French language)
“Death never erases life. By contrast, it exalts the contrary, magnifying its achievements, some more exemplary than others, it is true. The life of Patrick Baumann was thus marked by his joy for it - intense; the friendships - warm; his sense of humour - robust; and an almost natural disposition to find the right words that would encourage or comfort a person in need.”

04:36 Wide shot of memorial audience in attendance
04:51 Zoom out on wreath inside the cathedral.
05:16 Wide shot of choir singing.
05:35 Wide shot of the organist.
Story script and Shot log

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