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**STORY HEADLINE:** Germany take both golds on opening day of luge competition at Winter Youth Olympic Games Lausanne 2020

**LOCATION:** St Moritz Olympia Bobrun, Switzerland

**DATE:** January 17, 2020

**LANGUAGE:** German

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### STORY SCRIPT:

Germany totally dominated the opening day of the luge at the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Lausanne 2020 as Olympic competition returned to historic St Moritz Olympia Bobrun with Germany winning gold in both Women's Singles and Men's Doubles.

It was a German one-two in the Women's Singles with 16-year-old Marie Fraebel edging out compatriot, 17-year-old Jessica Degenhardt. Bronze went to Russia's Diana Loginova.

It completed a dramatic morning in the Women's Singles luge competition; gold medal winner Fraebel was hugged by her parents. The celebrations followed soon after.

High emotions at the St. Moritz Olympia Bob Run were understandable. In the day's final run, Fraebel nudged ahead of her German teammate Jessica Doreen Degenhardt, clocking up a total time of 1 minute, 49.687 seconds over two runs. At her fastest, she reached speeds of 126.9km per hour.

"I cannot believe it," Fraebel said. "Already during the training runs I had a good feeling about today. It is great to be standing on the podium together with Jessica.

German fans also celebrated gold in the luge Men's Doubles competition.

The German pair of 16-year-old Moritz Jaeger and Valentin Steudte, who is also 16, were fastest in the opening run with a time of 54.824 seconds. Only the Latvian luge looked to be challenging them with the rest of the field more than half a second behind.

Their second run was almost identical, finishing in 54.825 seconds, more than enough for a victory by more than 3 tenths of a second with an overall time of 1:49.649.



Latvia held on for the silver medal. Russia won the bronze.

The medal ceremonies for both events take place on Saturday evening, January 18, at 1800 CET.

Luge, bobsleigh and skeleton return to Olympic competition on the world famous St Moritz Olympia Bobrun, alongside the iconic Cresta Run, after the staging of the Olympic Winter Games by the Swiss Alpine Resort In 1928 and 1948.

Lausanne 2020 is the third edition of the Winter YOG, bringing together the world's best young athletes between the ages of 15 and 18. For the first time in Winter Olympic history the Games will have gender equality, with equal numbers of male and female competitors in the 81 medal events.

1,872 athletes from 79 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) will be in action in Lausanne, 12 of those NOCs for the first time at a Youth Olympic Games - Albania, Azerbaijan, Ecuador, Haiti, Hong Kong, Kosovo, Pakistan, Qatar, Singapore, Thailand, Turkmenistan and Trinidad & Tobago.

As well as the brand new sport of Ski Mountaineering, Lausanne 2020 features five new events, Women's Nordic Combined, Individual Normal Hill/4km, Women's Doubles Luge, Mixed NOC 3x3 Ice Hockey, Freeski Big Air, Snowboard Big Air.

The first Winter Youth Olympic Games took place in Innsbruck, Austria, in 2012. The second edition was held in the Norwegian city of Lillehammer in 2016.

### **SHOTLIST:**

00:05 Marie Fraebel at start of luge run

00:13 Fraebel on the track

00:19 Fraebel finishes winning run

00:27 Fraebel celebrates with silver medallist Jessica Degenhard

00:34 Fraebel celebrates with German support staff

00:43 Fraebel at podium for mascot ceremony

00:48 Fraebel receive toy mascot

00:53 All medallists on podium

### **01:00 SOUNDBITE: Marie Fraebel, Germany. Gold Medallist, Women's Single Luge (German Language).**

*"I can't really complain. The start could be a bit better, I have to work on this. Especially on this track it is important that you have a good start. In one of the curves I touched the border a bit, but it was overall ok for me, I really liked the two runs."*

01:20 Fraebel preparing at start of luge run

### **01:24 SOUNDBITE: Marie Fraebel, Germany. Gold Medallist, Women's Single Luge (German Language).**

*"This is a super-cool feeling, it is really great, I would not have thought this, I still cannot believe that I made it, especially if you look at this strong field of runners who took part here – today everything went just really well, and I am really glad about it."*



01:41 Various shots from the medal ceremony  
02:03 Valentin Steudte and Moritz Jaeger in action  
02:41 Various shots from the mascot ceremony

**03:03 SOUNDBITE: Valentin Steudte, Germany. Gold Medallist, Men's Double Luge (German Language).**

*"What can I say – this is the biggest thing that ever happened to me! And I think this feeling will remain for quite a while, when does one have the opportunity to go to (Youth) Olympic Games? What we have shown today was just extraordinary."*

03:17 Valentin Steudte and Moritz Jaeger at start of luge run

**03:21 SOUNDBITE: Moritz Jaeger, Germany. Gold Medallist, Men's Double Luge (German Language).**

*"Well, we have prepared ourselves well during practice, and that went really ok, so we knew that we had the chance to do well in the competition, and we had already hoped that it would be enough for a gold or silver medal."*

03:35 Various shots from the men's medal ceremony

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