STORY SCRIPT:

Emma Sahlin of Sweden overtook her Swiss rival on the second and final of their two runs to claim gold in the Women's Alpine Skiing Slalom.

Sahlin, 17, pipped Lena Volken by 0.18 seconds finishing in an aggregate time of 1:29.82 seconds for her two runs. Both had built up a healthy advantage from the opening run over the rest of the field as conditions at Les Diablerets began to decline.

It left Volken with the silver medal. Lara Klein of Germany won bronze.

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 Shots from Emma Sahlin’s final run in the Women’s Slalom final

00:35 SOUNDbite: Emma Sahlin, Sweden. Gold Medallist, Women’s Slalom (Swedish Language)
“This feels really great, it’s something you will remember for the rest of your life”

00:44 Emma Sahlin celebrates her win with her teammates

00:49 SOUNDbite: Emma Sahlin, Sweden. Gold Medallist, Women’s Slalom (Swedish Language)
“I’m usually nervous before the competition but I had a good feeling, I felt excited and just wanted to go for it.”

00:59 Slow motion shots of Emma Sahlin in action

01:14 SOUNDbite: Emma Sahlin, Sweden. Gold Medallist, Women’s Slalom (Swedish Language)
“It’s a bit up and down for me, but this event ended really well for me. I’ll remember that for sure, I enjoyed every moment and got to meet a lot of new people. I’ll for sure have great memories.”

01:30 Shots from the victory ceremony of the Women’s Slalom final
01:52 Shots from the medal ceremony of the Women’s Slalom final

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