STORY HEADLINE: Impressive gold for Austria in Men’s Giant Slalom at Winter Youth Olympic Games Lausanne 2020

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STORY SCRIPT:

An impressive exhibition of Alpine Skiing from Phillip Hoffman of Austria secured him a comfortable gold medal victory in Men’s Giant Slalom at the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG), Lausanne 2020.

Hoffman, who is 17, was more than two and a half seconds faster than his nearest rivals on the course at Les Diablerets Alpine Centre, above Lausanne in the Swiss Alps. He posted a finishing time of 2:06.31.

He left two Swiss skiers in his immediate wake. Sandro Zurbruegg took silver, Luc Roduit winning 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 Austrian athlete and gold medallist in Men’s Giant Slalom Phillip Hoffman starts to ski
00:10 Shots of Phillip Hoffman skiing
00:25 Phillip Hoffman skiing toward the finish line
00:31 Phillip Hoffman crosses the finish line
00:33 Phillip Hoffman being congratulated by his team mate
00:41 Phillip Hoffman at victory ceremony
00:54 Phillip Hoffman and two Swiss athletes, Silver medallist Sandro Zurbruegg and Bronze medallist Luc Roduit, pose for picture at victory ceremony

00:58 SOUNDBITE: Phillip Hoffman, Gold medallist in Men’s Giant Slalom (German Language).
“It’s unbelievable! When I woke up this morning I didn’t think about winning or even about a medal, so it’s just crazy standing here now as Youth Olympic champion.”

01:08 Shots of Phillip Hoffman skiing

01:12 SOUNDBITE: Phillip Hoffman, Gold medallist in Men’s Giant Slalom (German Language).
“I tried to do the same as I do in training and what I am capable of. I did it run by run, focussing on each run on its own.”

01:26 Shots of Phillip Hoffman skiing

01:32 SOUNDBITE: Phillip Hoffman, Gold medallist in Men’s Giant Slalom (German Language).
“When I crossed the finish line I didn’t realise I was first. When I was up at the start I tried not to think too much about my lead and tried to come down without any mistakes.”

01:47 Shots from the medal ceremony from the Men’s Giant Slalom

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