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STORY HEADLINE: Biathlon Gold for Poland's Marcin Zawol in Men's 7.5km Sprint

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STORY SCRIPT:

A tremendous fightback on the final Cross Country stage of the Men's Biathlon Men's 7.5Km Sprint ensured gold for Poland's Marcin Zawol.

Up until then Russia's Dennis Irodov was the comfortable leader. 17-year-old Zawol was in the bronze medal position with some steady shooting and evenly paced racing, seven seconds behind the Russian.

But after the second and final shooting stage at the 5km mark, Zawol dramatically cut his rival's lead and raced clear to victory by 12.6 seconds in 19:23.8.

Irodov held on for the silver medal. Vegard Thon of Norway 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 Marcin Zawol (number 52) during standing shooting phase

00:16 Marcin Zawol completes penalty circuit

00:24 Marcin Zawol crosses the finish line to claim Gold in the Men's Biathlon 7.5km Sprint

00:44 Marcin Zawol on podium at mascot ceremony

00:54 SOUNDBITE: Marcin Zawol, Gold medallist, Men's Biathlon 7.5km Sprint (Polish Language).

"I couldn't believe it, particularly because it wasn't straight shooting. Towards the end I didn't feel too good either, but obviously everything came together, and I got a great result!"

01:18 Close up Marcin Zawol

01:22 SOUNDBITE: Marcin Zawol, Gold medallist, Men's Biathlon 7.5km Sprint (Polish Language).

"I think the best advice from my trainer was, not to run too fast at the beginning, and that helped because, as it happened I ran super fast towards the end. I think this is possibly the secret to success, as I started really slow."

01:46 Marcin Zawol walking

01:54 SOUNDBITE: Marcin Zawol, Gold medallist, Men's Biathlon 7.5km Sprint (Polish Language).

"I think that the best part of my training during preparation for the season was shooting under pressure, it was very useful. And as you can see, because of it, I am the Champion!"

02:14 Various shots of medal ceremony Men's Biathlon Sprint at Medal Ceremony Plaza in Lausanne

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