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STORY HEADLINE: Stunning victory for Russia's Iliya Tregubov in men's cross-country 10km classic at Lausanne 2020

LOCATION: Vallée de Joux Cross-Country Centre, Switzerland

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LANGUAGE: Russian

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STORY SCRIPT:

A remarkable exhibition of speed and stamina from Iliya Tregubov of Russia in the men's cross-country skiing 10km classic made him the most convincing gold medal winner of the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Lausanne 2020.

Tregubov won by an astonishing 45 seconds. The 17-year-old's victory was never in doubt as he posted split times of almost ridiculous margins. He led his compatriot Alexey Loktinov by 8.5 seconds at the 3.7km split but then powered on to leave the field trailing in his wake.

At the final 8.7km split, he was around 50 seconds ahead of the athletes in contention for the silver and bronze medals. Such was Tregubov's dominance, gold was not an option for them.

He finished in time of 26:40.50. That was 45 seconds ahead of Germany's Elias Keck in the silver medal position. The United States' Will Koch took bronze, 49 seconds behind the gold medal winner.

The classic skiing technique is used in the men's 10km cross-country. The skis are prepared with kick wax (in the middle portion of the skis) which grip when in contact with the snow and allow the competitor to ski in "diagonal or classic style" along pre-set parallel tracks. Both events consist of a single phase only (i.e. finals). Competitors start individually at intervals of 10 to 30 seconds. The competitor with the fastest individual time wins the race.

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 Russia's Iliya Tregubov on the start line

00:16 Iliya Tregubov on the track

00:28 Iliya Tregubov crosses the finish line

00:36 Iliya Tregubov during the mascot ceremony

00:47 Iliya Tregubov, Germany's Elias Keck and the USA's Will Koch on podium during mascot ceremony

00:52 SOUNDBITE: Iliya Tregubov, Russia. Gold Medallist, Men's Cross-Country Skiing 10km Classic (Russian Language).

"The feeling is indescribable now. I can't believe that I have it [gold medal]. I think it will sink in soon."

00:59 Iliya Tregubov on the track

01:04 SOUNDBITE: Iliya Tregubov, Russia. Gold Medallist, Men's Cross-Country Skiing 10km Classic (Russian Language).

"I woke up today and I had an awful headache. I thought that acclimatisation had started. But the race went well. As my coach was saying, if it's hard before race, then everything will be good during the race."

01:16 Iliya Tregubov on track

01:04 SOUNDBITE: Iliya Tregubov, Russia. Gold Medallist, Men's Cross-Country Skiing 10km Classic (Russian Language).

"He [my coach] was also saying: the one who leaves training last is the first one to cross the finish line."

01:24 Shots from medal ceremony

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