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STORY HEADLINE: Double Gold medal success for Austria in Men and Women's Individual Nordic Combined at Lausanne 2020

LOCATION: Les Tuffes Nordic Centre, France and Lausanne, Switzerland

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LANGUAGE: German

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STORY SCRIPT:

Austria enjoyed gold medal success in both men and women's events of the Nordic Combined Individual events of the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) at Les Tuffes Nordic Centre in the French Alps.

A brilliant cross-country stage from Austria's Lisa Hirner secured her gold in the Women's event.

16-year old Hirner, who is from Eisenerz, was lying in fourth place after the ski-jumping stage. But she was only calculated as being 0.23 seconds behind the leader for the start of the cross-country stage.

Hirner won easily over the 4km course finishing 3.2 seconds ahead of silver medallist Ayane Miyazaki of Japan in a time of 11 minutes 48.4 seconds. Germany's Jenny Nowak won bronze.

Stefan Rettenecker of Austria was the convincing gold medal winner of the Men's event.

After the ski jumping, his score from the judges was converted into a narrow time advantage for the cross-country stage. But it was one he was never likely to relinquish storming into a 13 second lead over the eventual silver medallist, Sebastian Oestvold of Norway, at the 2km mark.

Oestvold eventually faded with Finland's Perttu Reponen trying to challenge Rettenecker for gold. It was a futile struggle. The Austrian had too much of an advantage, winning by 13.8 seconds in 14 minutes 45.8 seconds from silver medallist Reponen. Oestvold won bronze.

The Nordic Combined event consists of one trial and one scored ski jump on the normal hill (NH), and a 4km Cross-Country free technique race for women and 6km for men.



The overall score in Ski Jumping is the sum of points from the one competition round. The total number of points for one round is calculated as the sum of:

- Points for jumping distance (metres converted to distance points)
- Points for jumping performance (style points awarded by the jumping judges)
- Points for in-run length difference (metres converted to gate compensation points)
- Points for tangential wind speed and direction (metres per second converted to wind compensation points).

The ski jumping part of the event must take place before the cross-country race as the ski jumping results (differences in points) are converted into time differences to establish the Cross-Country starting order.

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:

LOCATION: Les Tuffes Nordic Centre, France

00:05 Shots of Austria's Lisa Hirner jumping and landing

00:20 Lisa Hirner starts the race

00:25 Lisa Hirner leading the race

00:29 Austria's Lisa Hirner crosses the finish line

00:42 SOUNDBITE: Lisa Hirner, Gold medallist in Women's Individual Nordic Combined (German Language).

"My goal was to be in the top 5. When I was jumping, my landing was not what I wanted it to be. But the race went exactly like I wanted it to go. But the gold medal this is unbelievable. "

01:01 Lisa Hirner gives hug to teammate

01:07 Lisa Hirner talks to media

01:11 SOUNDBITE: Lisa Hirner, Gold medallist in Women's Individual Nordic Combined (German Language).

"It was a tough race, on the highest point of the course I started to sprint and that way I got an advance to go down the slope and thanks to my good ski it went well and I think we all had a good race. I wanted to congratulate everybody."



01:35 Lisa Hirner on podium during Mascot Ceremony

01:44 Japan's Ayane Miyazaki, Lisa Hirner and Germany's Jenny Nowak on podium during Mascot Ceremony

LOCATION: Lausanne, Switzerland

01:54 Lisa Hirner, Germany's Jenny Nowak and Japan's Ayane Miyazaki appearing on stage at Medal Ceremony

01:59 Lisa Hirner on podium receiving Gold medal

02:09 Flags of Austria, Japan and Germany being raised

02:16 Lisa Hirner, Jenny Nowak and Ayane Miyazaki on podium during Medal Ceremony pose for pictures

02:23 SOUNDBITE: Lisa Hirner, Gold medallist in Women's Individual Nordic Combined (German Language).

"Actually there is no secret of my success. I just wanted to have fun and give 100 percent all the time and squeeze out everything I could."

LOCATION: Les Tuffes Nordic Centre, France

02:35 Shots of Austria's Stefan Rettenegeger jumping and landing

02:49 Stefan Rettenegeger starts the race

02:55 Stefan Rettenegeger in action

03:01 Stefan Rettenegeger crosses the finish line

03:15 Stefan Rettenegeger after the race

03:25 SOUNDBITE: Stefan Rettenegeger, Gold medallist in Men's Individual Nordic Combined (German Language).

"It was really perfect, crossing the finish line as the first athlete, there is no better feeling."

03:35 Stefan Rettenegeger on podium during Mascot Ceremony

03:38 SOUNDBITE: Stefan Rettenegeger, Gold medallist in Men's Individual Nordic Combined (German Language).

"I knew I was in good form, I hoped it was enough for a medal but to get the Gold was really superb."

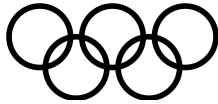
03:53 Stefan Rettenegeger on podium during Mascot Ceremony

03:59 Shots of Finland's Perttu Reponen, Stefan Rettenegeger and Norway's Sebastian Oestvold on podium during Mascot Ceremony

04:09 SOUNDBITE: Stefan Rettenegeger, Gold medallist in Men's Individual Nordic Combined (German Language).

"Jumping was really great, I did a great jump. It gave me an advance of 8 seconds and I thought I'd just run ahead. It worked well, a perfect race, a perfect jump, perfect."

LOCATION: Lausanne, Switzerland



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04:21 Shots of Finland's Perttu Reponen, Stefan Rettenegger and Norway's Sebastian Oestvold appearing on stage during Victory Ceremony
04:27 Stefan Rettenegger receiving Gold medal during Medal Ceremony
04:34 Audience at Medal Ceremony
04:37 Flags of Austria, Finland and Norway being raised
04:43 Perttu Reponen, Stefan Rettenegger and Sebastian Oestvold pose for pictures during Medal Ceremony

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