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STORY HEADLINE: Russia win the latest installment of the biggest rivalry in Winter Olympic Sport, beating the USA to claim Ice Hockey Gold at Lausanne 2020

LOCATION: Vaudoise Arena, Lausanne, Switzerland

DATE: January 22, 2020

LANGUAGE: Russia

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STORY SCRIPT:

It is without question one of the biggest rivalries in Olympic Sport - Russia versus the United States in Ice Hockey.

40 years on from the fabled game, 'The Miracle On Ice', that rivalry was renewed at the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Lausanne 2020.

Back in 1980 at the Lake Placid Winter Games, a USA team of students caused one of the biggest upsets in international sport by beating a team of Soviet professionals, including some of the biggest ice hockey stars of the day.

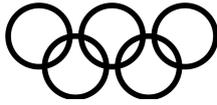
This time both teams consisted of students hoping to be stars of the future.

Russia struck the opening blow with less than two minutes on the clock, taking advantage of the first power play of the game. 15-year-old Matvei Michkov pounded to put his team into the lead.

With the clock running down towards the end of the 1st period Michkov, who plays for the Lokomotiv 2004 Yaroslavl club, struck again to put Russia 2-0 up.

The scoreline was a fairer reflection of play going into the break. Russia managed 10 shots on goal to just 2 from the Americans in the opening period.

The USA did rally in the 2nd period but their 15-year-old goalkeeper, Dylan Silverstein was still one of the busiest on their playing roster.



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Shots rained on his goal and inevitably Russia made it 3-0 thanks to Ruslan Gazizov taking advantage of the relentless pressure, just a day after celebrating his sixteenth birthday.

Any faint hopes of an American comeback disappeared after just five minutes of the final period. Vyacheslav Malov, 15, was put clean through on goal and calmly made it 4-0.

That was the final score. The Russian players embraced at the end in wild celebration, demolishing one of the goals in the process, before being presented with the final Gold Medals of Lausanne 2020.

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 have had gender equality, with equal numbers of male and female competitors in the 81 medal events. The Closing Ceremony is this evening (January 22).

1,872 athletes from 79 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) were 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 featured 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. The fourth edition will be in the Republic of Korea in 2024.

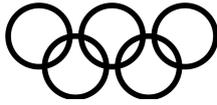
SHOTLIST:

00:05 Action from ice hockey final
00:12 Team Russia score second goal
00:27 Team Russia ice hockey players celebrate
00:30 Team Russia score fourth goal
00:42 Final seconds of game
00:47 Team Russia players run on ice and celebrate the win
00:56 Team Russia and Team USA players shake hands
01:04 Team Russia players receive gold medals
01:34 Flags of Russia, the USA and Canada being raised
01:41 Team Russia players during national anthem
01:50 Team USA, Team Russia and Team Canada pose for pictures together

02:00 SOUNDBITE: Matvei Michkov, Russia. Gold medallist in Men's Ice Hockey Final (Russian Language).

"Indescribable emotions. This can happen only once in a lifetime, or maybe not once. But now everyone is very happy."

02:07 Slow motion of Team Russia scoring another goal



02:11 SOUNDBITE: Matvei Michkov, Russia. Gold medallist in Men's Ice Hockey Final (Russian Language).

"The team got together. We were playing till the end. We won with a big score. Discipline was the key to success and team spirit."

02:23 Team Russia hockey players celebrate win on ice hugging each other

02:25 SOUNDBITE: Ivan Miroshnichenko, Russia. Gold medallist in Men's Ice Hockey Final (Russian Language).

"Good game, good rivals. We just used the moments better. They were making more mistakes sometimes. We were using the moments and it just went well."

02:38 Slow motion of Team Russia scoring a goal

02:44 SOUNDBITE: Ivan Miroshnichenko, Russia. Gold medallist in Men's Ice Hockey Final (Russian Language).

"Happiness, pride for our country, indescribable joy. Nothing else for now. I'm overwhelmed with joy."

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