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STORY HEADLINE: Russia combines forces to finally win gold in the luge team relay competition at Lausanne 2020

LOCATION: Olympia Bob Run, St Moritz, Switzerland

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LANGUAGE: Russian

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STORY SCRIPT:

All four members of Russia's luge relay team had already made it to the podium at the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG). But with one silver and two bronze medals they stopped short of reaching the top. When they competed together as a team, though, the gold finally came on the historic Olympia Bob Run in the resort of St Moritz.

Russia were lying in the silver medal after the individual stage. 16-year-old Diana Loginova, bronze medallist in the women's singles event, and 17-year-old Pavel Repilov, silver medallist in the men's singles competition, kept the Russians consistently in second place at split times and the change-overs.

The Russian doubles team were 0.358 seconds behind the Latvian leaders on the anchor run. But 17-year-old Iurii Chirva and Mikhail Karnaukhov, also 17, bronze medallists in the men's doubles event, quickly made up the time taking the lead at their first split time and maintaining form and momentum to bring Russia home in 2:54.072.

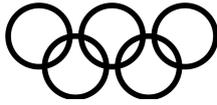
Latvia were overtaken by Germany in the rankings. Germany finished in the silver medal position 0.55 seconds behind Russia and Latvia took bronze, finishing 0.882 seconds behind the gold medal winners.

In luge relay, teams are composed of one women's sled, one men's sled and a double's sled. A team can be made up of a maximum of two NOCs.

The event consists of a single run for each sled. The time is continuously measured from the moment the first team member breaks the start light beam until the last team member touches a pad (table) setup in the "slow down" section after the usual finish line.

The first sled is started as per singles and doubles. The second and third sleds are started from an automatic start door that opens when the previous slider hits the finish touch pad.

The team with the fastest total time wins. Sleds in each team will start in the following order: women's singles, men's singles, doubles.



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 Diana Loginova starts luge team relay
00:11 Various shots of Diana Loginova during luge team relay
00:18 Diana Loginova finishes her leg of luge team relay, hits panel to handover to Pavel Repilov
00:20 Pavel Repilov starts second leg of luge team relay
00:24 Various Pavel Repilov during luge team relay
00:32 Pavel Repilov finishes his leg of luge team relay, hits panel to handover to Iurii Chirva and Mikhail Karnaukhov
00:34 Iurii Chirva and Mikhail Karnaukhov start final leg of luge team relay
00:41 Various Iurii Chirva and Mikhail Karnaukhov during final leg of luge team relay
00:47 Iurii Chirva and Mikhail Karnaukhov cross finishing line
00:55 Iurii Chirva and Mikhail Karnaukhov celebrate with Diana Loginova
01:00 Team Russia on podium for mascot ceremony

01:35 SOUNDBITE: Diana Loginova, Gold Medallist, Russia, Luge Team Relay (Russian Language).

"We are happy to get a gold medal, of course. We have been preparing for that a lot, we have been waiting for it for a long time. And finally we got it."

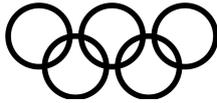
01:46 Diana Loginova during her leg of the luge team relay

01:50 SOUNDBITE: Pavel Repilov, Gold Medallist, Russia, Luge Team Relay (Russian Language).

"Yes, today it was much better than yesterday. But we could have started faster. But in general, it was not bad."

01:58 Iurii Chirva and Mikhail Karnaukhov during final leg of luge team relay

02:01 SOUNDBITE: Iurii Chirva, Gold Medallist, Russia, Luge Team Relay (Russian Language).



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“When you are the last one to slide there is a lot of adrenalin and a big responsibility. One just needs to clear his mind and not think about anything, and just start as fast as you can.”

02:13 Shots from the medal ceremony of the Luge team relay

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