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STORY HEADLINE: Swiss fans celebrate another home victory at Lausanne 2020 as Marie Krista wins gold in dramatic women’s ski cross final

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STORY SCRIPT:

Marie Krista of Switzerland won gold in a fiercely contested big final of the women’s ski cross at the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Lausanne 2020.

18-year-old Krista, wearing the red bib, held off Diana Cholenska of the Czech Republic by 0.32 seconds with Russia’s Vladislava Baliukina a further half a second behind in the bronze medal position.

Her Russian Compatriot Marlia Erofeeva did not finish the course.

Krista, from Unterseen in Switzerland, now says she aims for an Olympic medal at the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022.

Ski Cross consists of qualification and finals (semi-finals, the small final and big final.) The specially designed cross course is set up on a natural terrain with artificial features including turns, roller sections, jumps and banked turns. In the qualification, the competitors take a timed run, and the top 16 ranked competitors go through to the finals. In the finals, competitors are divided into group heats of four competitors.

There are 20 group heats in the round-robin format. All competitors eventually compete against each other and, based upon the ranking of each heat, are awarded points (1st=4 pts, 2nd=3 pts, 3rd=2 pts, 4th=1 pt.).

After the group heats, the top eight ranked competitors advance to the semi-finals. The top two ranked competitors from each semi-final advance to the big final, while the remaining competitors move to the small final. The top three competitors in the big final are awarded Winter YOG medals.

The remaining competitors are ranked according to results of the big final, small final, group heats and qualification.
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 Action from the Women’s Ski Cross
00:43 Action from the finish line

00:56 SOUNDBITE: Marie Krista, Gold Medallist, Women’s Ski Cross (Swiss German Language).
“Yes, I am really happy because it is in Switzerland.”

01:03 Shots of Marie Krista celebrating after the race

01:10 SOUNDBITE: Marie Krista, Gold Medallist, Women’s Ski Cross (Swiss German Language).
“Everybody said I had good chances, but I was saying top eight would be nice, and then I was in the final and I said ‘Ok, this is the final, and then I made a good start, and I told myself I am going all for it.’”

01:29 Shots from the mascot ceremony of the women’s ski cross

01:55 SOUNDBITE: Marie Krista, Gold Medallist, Women’s Ski Cross (Swiss German Language).
“You have got to be mentally ready, they are the same opponents as usual, but there is much more to do about it. And if you are mentally ready in your head, and if you focus only on yourself, then it works].”

02:12 Action from the medal ceremony of the Women’s Ski Cross final
02:21 Marie Krista on podium receiving Gold medal
02:36 The flags of Switzerland, the Czech Republic and Russia are being raised
02:43 The medallists pose for pictures

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