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STORY HEADLINE: Athletes from Republic of Korea, Japan, USA and the Netherlands combine to win gold in short track speed skating mixed NOC team relay at Lausanne 2020

LOCATION: Lausanne Skating Arena, Switzerland
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LANGUAGE: English, Dutch, Korean, Japanese

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STORY SCRIPT:

The short track speed skating programme at the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) ended with a mixed National Olympic Committee (NOC) team relay.

The 3000 metre race is run in a rolling format, there is no set rule as to how many laps must be completed in each leg. The only rule being that the last two laps have to be skated by the same skater. Consequently, there could be as many as 8 different handoffs in a single race.

It was won by athletes competing for 'Team B'. The Republic of Korea's Chanseo Kim, 17, who won the silver medal in the women's 1,000m, 16-year-old Shogo Miyata from Japan, 17-year-old American Jonathan So and Diede Van Oorschot, 16, from the Netherlands.

Because the tournament was classified as a mixed National Olympic Committee (NOC) event, the Olympic flag was raised in all three positions at the medal ceremony.

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 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.
Story script and Shot log

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 the short track speed skating mixed NOC team relay final
00:47 ‘Team B’ celebrating their win
00:49 Slow motion shot of ‘Team B’ in action
00:59 Slow motion shot of ‘Team B’ crossing the finish line and celebrating

01:07 SOUNDBITE: Diede Van Oorschot, Team B. Gold Medallist, Short Track Speed Skating Mixed NOC Team Relay. (Dutch Language)
“It was a great feeling. It also motivated me to train even harder so I can go further.”

01:19 SOUNDBITE: Jonathan So, Team B. Gold Medallist, Short Track Speed Skating Mixed NOC Team Relay. (English Language).
“It’s all hard work, dedication and of course getting support from everyone.”

01:24 SOUNDBITE: Chanseo Kim, Team B. Gold Medallist, Short Track Speed Skating Mixed NOC Team Relay. (Korean Language).
“It is a feeling that I had for the first time in my life and I want to thank the fans. I want to thank everyone for this opportunity, which has motivated me to train harder so that I can experience the same moment in the future.”

01:40 SOUNDBITE: Chanseo Kim, Team B. Gold Medallist, Short Track Speed Skating Mixed NOC Team Relay. (Korean Language).
“Teamwork was the most important thing and all my teammates did well so I want to thank them.”

01:46 SOUNDBITE: Jonathan So, Team B. Gold Medallist, Short Track Speed Skating Mixed NOC Team Relay. (English Language). [on what has been good about the YOG]
“I think the environment, the fans, everyone brought out really good energy and everyone here is so kind and nice and obviously winning this gold medal.”

01:57 SOUNDBITE: Shogo Miyata, Team B. Gold Medallist, Short Track Speed Skating Mixed NOC Team Relay. (Japanese Language).
‘I was happy to win the gold medal with the members that I can team up only once, in a once in a lifetime event.”

02:03 Various shots of ‘Team B’ on the podium receiving their medals
02:35 The Olympic flag being raised

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