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STORY HEADLINE: Hungary and Canada combine for gold in curling mixed doubles at Lausanne 2020

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STORY SCRIPT:

Laura Nagy of Hungary and Canada's Nathan Young teamed up to win gold in curling mixed doubles at the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Lausanne 2020.

17-year-old Nagy from Budapest and Young, also 17, beat silver medallists Chana Beitone from France and Russian curler Nikolai Lysakov 9-5 in the final.

Bronze went to Junhang Pei of China and Vit Chabicozsky from the Czech Republic.

The mixed doubles curling teams were made up of one woman and one man from different National Olympic Committees (NOCs) and only 5 stones were delivered during each end. Each team also had one extra stone placed into a special position, prior to the start of each end.

Those extra stones were either in front of the house or in the middle of the house, depending on which team started playing during that end.

One of the players delivered the 1st and last stone of the end, the other player delivered the 2nd, 3rd and 4th stone for that end.

Because the tournament was classified as a mixed 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 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 Curlers prepare for the gold medal match

00:10 Various action as Laura Nagy and Nathan Young win gold in curling mixed doubles

01:20 **SOUNDBITE: Nathan Young, Canada. Gold Medallist Curling Mixed Doubles (English Language).**

"It definitely means a lot, you come here to be able to represent your country and all the people that have played such a big role on this journey is just amazing in itself, but then to be able to come back with a medal is very special for sure."

01:40 Nathan Young during curling mixed doubles gold medal match

01:49 **SOUNDBITE: Nathan Young, Canada. Gold Medallist Curling Mixed Doubles (English Language).**

"I can tell Laura worked very hard as well and myself and the rest of our curling team. I know that we have put in a lot of work throughout our whole curling careers and it's really nice to when I see it pay off and to get here."

02:06 Nathan Young and Laura Nagy hugging at end of curling mixed doubles gold medal match

02:09 **SOUNDBITE: Laura Nagy, Hungary. Gold Medallist Curling Mixed Doubles (Hungarian Language).**

"Well, right now I can't believe what is going on, but it means a lot to me and I can't even explain how happy that makes me to be here and represent my country. Especially that we achieved these results."

02:29 Nathan Young and Laura Nagy with gold medals

02:33 **SOUNDBITE: Laura Nagy, Hungary. Gold Medallist Curling Mixed Doubles (Hungarian Language).**

"I do hope that my teachers will be really proud, of course I had to miss a few classes because of that and I still need to talk to my friends about it as well as keep up the work with my curling mates."

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