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STORY HEADLINE: Host nation dominates first ever Olympic Ski Mountaineering competition with Gold and Silver in Men's and Women's Individual events at Lausanne 2020.

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STORY SCRIPT:

Switzerland dominated the first ever day of Ski Mountaineering competition in the Winter Youth Olympics (YOG) Lausanne 2020.

Caroline Ulrich will go down in history as the sport's first ever Olympic gold medallist, winning the Women's Individual event. Twin brothers Thomas and Robin Bussard finished in gold and silver positions an hour later in the Men's event at the Villars Winter Park, which is 40km outside of Lausanne.

Thomas came in ahead of his brother in a time of 47.49.85. Austria's Nils Oberauer claimed bronze.

17-year-old Ulrich's winning time of 58:34:48 was over a minute clear of her compatriot Thibe Deseyn. France's Margot Ravinel took bronze.

Ski Mountaineering – commonly referred to as “skimo” for short – sees athletes race over snow-covered terrain using both skiing and mountaineering techniques. In the individual races at Lausanne 2020, competitors completed two laps of the 3.6km course that had three ascents and three descents and a total climb of 840m. In this event, all competitors start the race together and the winner is the first competitor to cross the line.

The Ski Mountaineers return to action on Monday (January 13) when the sprint events take place, and there is a mixed relay on Tuesday (January 14).

Lausanne 2020 is the third edition of the Winter Youth Olympic Games (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 (China), 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, Ice Hockey Mixed NOC 3x3 Tournament, Freeski Big Air, Snowboard Big Air.

The first Winter Youth Olympic Games took place in Innsbruck in 2012. The second edition was held in the Norwegian city of Lillehammer in 2016.

SHOTLIST:

00:05 Shots of Swiss athlete Caroline Ulrich in action

00:10 Caroline Ulrich crosses the finish line

00:19 Caroline Ulrich celebrates with teammate Thibe Deseyn who finishes second

00:26 SOUNDBITE: Caroline Ulrich, Women's Ski Mountaineering Youth Olympic Champion (French Language).

"It's such a happy feeling, it's crazy - we've been dreaming about it. I've been dreaming about it for 2 years when I discovered the Olympic Games were gonna be here. It's such a happy feeling!"

00:40 Athletes congratulate each other on the finish line

00:47 Shots of fans in the crowd

00:51 Shot of the Swiss flag and support banners in the crowd

00:55 SOUNDBITE: Caroline Ulrich, Women's Ski Mountaineering Youth Olympic Champion (French Language). [On Switzerland placing 1st and 2nd]

"We dreamed of that. We did it last year during the world championships, me first, her second, and we did it again this year at the Youth Olympic Games, it's crazy, we are both so happy."

01:13 Shots from the medal ceremony in Lausanne

01:15 Caroline Ulrich steps onto the podium

01:26 SOUNDBITE: Caroline Ulrich, Women's Ski Mountaineering Youth Olympic Champion (French Language).

"I knew I had a chance to win but I also knew the other athletes trained hard for this Youth Olympic Games so the level was going to be high."

01:37 Caroline Ulrich on the podium

01:42 The medallists flags being raised

01:45 The medallists together on the podium

01:51 Action of Thomas Bussard crossing the finish line and celebrating

02:08 Action of his twin brother crossing the finish line in second and celebrating



02:25 SOUNDBITE: Thomas Bussard, Men's Ski Mountaineering Youth Olympic Champion (French Language).

"It's the best feeling in the world, nobody has won this before. Nobody has competed in Ski Mountaineering before so we can say we are the first, it's unbelievable!"

02:36 Shots from the finish line of the Men's Individual Ski Mountaineering race

02:41 Athletes congratulate each other

02:46 The medalists celebrate with their coaches, fans and friends

02:50 SOUNDBITE: Thomas Bussard, Men's Ski Mountaineering Youth Olympic Champion (French Language).

"I knew we could do something special. We were leading my brother and I, we had to work to protect our lead and be careful on the slope. We knew we could do something great today."

03:06 Shot from the Medal Plaza

03:07 Thomas Bussard steps onto the podium at the Medal Plaza

03:20 Shots from the Medal Plaza

03:24 Shot of Thomas Bussard on the podium

03:30 Shot of the swiss flag being raised

03:40 SOUNDBITE: Thomas Bussard, Men's Ski Mountaineering Youth Olympic Champion (French Language).

"I thought of all the sacrifices we made to be there. I thought of that, my family, my friends and our girlfriends."

03:56 The Men's Individual Ski Mountaineering podium

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