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STORY HEADLINE: Austria’s ski jumpers confirm favouritism to deliver mixed team gold in style at Lausanne 2020

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STORY SCRIPT:

Austria won the mixed team ski jumping Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) gold at Les Tuffes Nordic Centre in the French Alps.

The Austria team of 16-year-old Lisa Hirner, gold medal winner of the women’s Nordic combined, 17-year-old Stefan Rettenberger, winner of the men’s Nordic combined gold, 15-year-old Julia Muelbacher and 17-year-old men’s individual ski jumping gold medal winner Marco Woergoetter were unsurprisingly hot favourites.

They delivered in style, leading throughout the competition. Their final combined score of 986.4 was 48.4 points better than silver medallist, Japan. The French team picked up the bronze medal on their home soil.

The mixed team ski jumping competition takes place on the normal hill and consists of a trial round and two scored rounds (first and final).

Participation in the trial round is not mandatory. Teams are composed of one male ski jumper, one female ski jumper and one male Nordic combined athlete, all of whom have already qualified.

In the team competition there are three groups for both the trial round and the two competition rounds.

One competitor from each team is entered per group. Female competitors from ski jumping start in the first group, then male competitors from Nordic combined in the second group and then male competitors from ski jumping in the third group.
After the first round, only the top eight teams will continue to the final round. During the final round, the last group will start in reverse order of the team's rank after the second group.

The overall score in ski jumping is the sum of points from the two competition rounds (first and final round). The team with the most combined points wins.

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 all members of Team Austria at the mixed team ski jumping final
01:06 Team Austria at the mascot ceremony
01:37 The mixed team ski jumping medallists at the mascot ceremony

01:45 SOUNDBYTE: Steffan Rettenberger (Austria). Gold Medallist, Mixed Team Ski Jumping (German Language)
“You’ve got to concentrate on yourself, all participants are really good, but it is important to keep your nerves under control and do what you have repeated during practice, and then everything is possible.”

01:57 Action of Team Austria from the mixed team ski jumping final

02:06 SOUNDBYTE: Julia Muelbacher (Austria). Gold Medallist, Mixed Team Ski Jumping (German Language)
“First of all it is difficult to comprehend, but it is unbelievable to win a medal with the team and then even a gold medal. One is not responsible for the success alone and it is really cool when you are standing on top of the podium, all four of us.”

02:22 Action of Team Austria from the mixed team ski jumping final
02:26 **SOUNDBITE:** Marco Woergoetter (Austria). Gold Medallist, Mixed Team Ski Jumping (German Language)

“Well, if you have seen the success of my team members with two gold medals recently and then another one yesterday, there was of course the hope that we could jump among the best, and it is really nice that we could have this success as a team.”

02:44 Action of Team Austria from the mixed team ski jumping final

02:49 **SOUNDBITE:** Lisa Hirner (Austria). Gold Medallist, Mixed Team Ski Jumping (German Language)

“The biggest thing is having fun with what you do, then a lot of things happen by themselves, and putting into place what you have done during practice, then there is usually a good outcome.”

03:03 Various shots from the medal ceremony of the Mixed Team Ski Jumping

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