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STORY HEADLINE: Valerio Jud of Switzerland enjoys home success with Gold in Men’s Snowboard Cross at Winter Youth Olympic Games, Lausanne 2020

LOCATION: Villars Winter Park, Switzerland
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STORY SCRIPT:

Valerio Jud thrilled the home crowd by winning gold in the Men’s Snowboard Cross at the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in Villars Winter Park.

17-year-old Jud from Uznach, who cites his only hobby as snowboarding, edged out Germany’s Niels Conradt in a fierce battle for the gold medal.

Jud, in the red bib, emerged victorious by 0.13 seconds. Bronze medal winner, Alvaro Romero of Spain was a further eight seconds behind.

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 Men’s Snowboard cross final
00:29 Shots from the mascot ceremony of the Men’s Snowboard Cross

01:00 SOUNDBITE: Valerio Jud, (Switzerland) Gold Medallist, Men’s Snowboard Cross (Swiss German Language).
“I am feeling very happy. It feels so good having achieved this. It’s been a very exhausting day. And now, we are just happy.”

01:10 Action from the end of the men’s snowboard cross final

01:13 SOUNDBITE: Valerio Jud, (Switzerland) Gold Medallist, Men’s Snowboard Cross (Swiss German Language).
“In the end, it was about giving it all, and then you would eventually get there. The training, and everything around, and then you can succeed.”

01:21 The athletes celebrate after the race

01:23 SOUNDBITE: Valerio Jud, (Switzerland) Gold Medallist, Men’s Snowboard Cross (Swiss German Language).
“It feels great, I am just super happy right now.”

01:28 The medallists at the medal ceremony
01:46 Flags of Switzerland, Germany and Spain being raised
01:52 The medallists on podium pose for pictures

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