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STORY HEADLINE: Olympic action returns to world famous St Moritz as Netherlands and Japan win speed skating Gold medals at Youth Olympics Games, Lausanne 2020

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Olympic sport returned to the historic Alpine resort of St Moritz with Speed Skating races on its frozen lake for the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG), Lausanne 2020.

The day ended with supporters of the Dutch and Japanese teams both celebrating gold for the first time at these Games.

Isabel Grevet of the Netherlands won gold in the Women's 500m Speed Skating, posting a time of 40.57 seconds.

The 17-year old from Petten anxiously watched the final two races in the time-trial format before being able to celebrate her victory.

Her nearest rival Jingyi Wang finished half a second slower, settling for the silver medal. Bronze was won by Japan's Yukino Yoshida.

Japan's Yudai Yamamoto was a relatively comfortable winner of the Men's 500m Speed Skating.

The 17-year-old from Hokkaido won in 36.42 seconds, almost two tenths of a second ahead of the silver medallist, Spain's Nil Llop Izquierdo. China's Zhiwen Xue won bronze.

The 500 metre Speed Skating races on Sunday (January 12th) opened competition for Lausanne 2020 being staged in the Alpine resort of St Moritz, twice host for Winter Olympic Games.

Along with Speed Skating on the frozen lake at St Moritz, Bobsleigh, Skeleton and luge will be held on the historic Cresta Run, the oldest and only natural tobogganing track in the world.



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.

STORY SCRIPT:

SHOTLIST:

00:03 General views of St Moritz
00:12 Fans waiting for Speed Skating to start
00:16 Lausanne 2020 Mascot Yodli with fans
00:21 Norwegian fans cheering, joined by Yodli

00:33 SOUNDBITE: Vox Pop (English language)

"Well it's not often you do it, well we've done it outdoors but to do it on a frozen lake and to have everyone from around the world and around Switzerland to view it is really impressive."

00:45 SOUNDBITE: Vox Pop (English language)

"It's beautiful. prettiest place on earth."

00:49 Isabel Grevet wins her heat in fastest time to take Gold in 500m

01:14 SOUNDBITE: Isabel Grevet, Netherlands. Gold medallist Women's Speed Skating 500m (English Language).

"I was so so happy! I have been dreaming about this for quite some time. So yes its hard to describe. It is very different from a national (dutch) competition. It is really big and beautiful here. It feels very special to be here."

01:36 Isabel Grevet steps onto podium for mascot ceremony

01:47 SOUNDBITE: Isabel Grevet, Netherlands. Gold medallist Women's Speed Skating 500m (English Language).

"I thought maybe to stay calm but I was quite nervous. It is okay to be a bit nervous. I think it is important to stay in a low position. That is something I struggle with sometimes. You have to be strong on this type of ice. And I came here with a goal and it worked."



02:09 Medallists on podium

02:13 SOUNDBITE: Isabel Grevet, Netherlands. Gold medallist Women's Speed Skating 500m (English Language).

"I was quite nervous. I had a funny feeling in my throat and woke up a few times last night. I was quite nervous."

02:28 Isabel Grevet holds her Youth Olympic Games mascot

02:31 SOUNDBITE: Isabel Grevet, Netherlands. Gold medallist Women's Speed Skating 500m (English Language)

"I am seeing a sport psychologist that helps me a lot. But it's the support from everyone around you and believes in you. You need to know what you are capable of and what you can achieve. That is very important. The most important though is to have fun."

02:48 Yudai Yamamoto wins his heat in fast time to take Gold medal

03:13 Yudai Yamamoto climbs on to podium for mascot ceremony

03:34 SOUNDBITE: Yudai Yamamoto, Japan. Gold medallist Men's Speed Skating 500m (Japanese Language).

"I am so happy because this Gold medal is going to be like the first Gold medal for Japan team so it means a lot."

03:40 Medallists on podium

03:42 SOUNDBITE: Yudai Yamamoto, Japan. Gold medallist Men's Speed Skating 500m (Japanese Language).

"At the beginning the opponent was really quick but then I calmed down and I was able to wind it up faster."

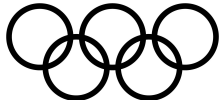
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03:57 Various Medal Ceremony Women's Speed Skating 500m

04:16 Various Medal Ceremony Men's Speed Skating 500m

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