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STORY HEADLINE: Swiss reserve skier captures first gold of Lausanne 2020 with victory in women's Super-G. Sweden take gold in men's event.

LOCATION: Les Diablerets Alpine Centre, Switzerland

DATE: January 10, 2020

LANGUAGE: French, Swedish

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STORY SCRIPT:

A week ago, Alpine skier Amelie Klopfenstein was not even part of the Swiss squad. But a late call-up gave the home crowd what they wanted on the opening morning of competition at Lausanne 2020, with the first gold of the Winter Youth Olympic Games going to the 17-year-old in the women's Super Giant Slalom (Super-G).

Following a frustrating start to the season, Klopfenstein was devastated to narrowly miss out on selection for the Games but after her close friend Delphine Darbellay was forced to pull out with injury on 3 January, she took full advantage of her second chance.

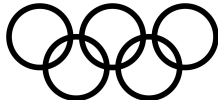
An elated Klopfenstein, who revealed that Darbellay had phoned her to wish her luck, said: "Just a few weeks ago I was a reserve and now; it's incredible. I would not have believed it was possible."

She finished in 56.27 seconds, 0.08 seconds ahead of France's Caitlin McFarlane in silver, with Israeli Noa Szollos making her own piece of history by becoming the first Israeli athlete to win a medal at any winter Olympics. Szollos snatched bronze from Austrian Amanda Salzgeber.

The men's Super-G competition was narrowly won by Adam Hofstedt of Sweden. The 17-year-old took gold by six hundredths of a second from Slovenia's Rok Aznoch. Switzerland's Luc Roduit won bronze.

The medal ceremony for the Men's Super-G will take place on Saturday evening.

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..

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. One new sport has also been added to the programme, Ski Mountaineering that includes five events: Women's and Men's Individual, Women's and Men's Sprint and Mixed NOC Relay.

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 Swiss athlete Amelie Klopfenstein starts to ski

00:14 Swiss athlete Amelie Klopfenstein in action

00:19 Swiss athlete Amelie Klopfenstein crosses the finish line

00:41 Shots of Swiss athlete Amelie Klopfenstein at award ceremony

01:02 Flags of Switzerland, France and Israel being raised

01:04 Swiss athlete Amelie Klopfenstein, French athlete Caitlin McFarlane and Israeli athlete Noa Szollos on podium during award ceremony

01:11 SOUNDBITE: Amelie Klopfenstein, Gold Medallist, Women's Super-G (French Language).

"At the start I didn't really think I could win and on the finish line I was really astonished and surprised, I didn't realise, and even now I don't realise."

01:21 Swiss athlete Amelie Klopfenstein, French athlete Caitlin McFarlane and Israeli athlete Noa Szollos stand together at award ceremony

01:29 SOUNDBITE: Amelie Klopfenstein, Gold Medallist, Women's Super-G (French Language).

"Truly this is unbelievable, especially in Switzerland, there is quite a crowd, it was a beautiful moment yes."

01:37 Swiss athlete Amelie Klopfenstein, French athlete Caitlin McFarlane and Israeli athlete Noa Szollos stand together showing their medals at award ceremony

01:45 SOUNDBITE: Amelie Klopfenstein, Gold Medallist, Women's Super-G (French Language).

"Skiing is a mental sport, I think the reconnaissance is important, one has to know the course, and before the start above all one has to have a clear head, be relaxed, not to think about too many things and be really focused on this race."

02:06 Swedish athlete Adam Hofstedt starts to ski



02:21 Swedish athlete Adam Hofstedt in action

02:29 Swedish athlete Adam Hofstedt crosses the finish line

02:43 SOUNDBITE: Adam Hofstedt, Gold Medallist, Men's Super-G (Swedish Language).

"Det var när jag kom igenom mål och såg gröna... gröna skylten."

English translation

"It was when I reached the finish line and saw the green... the green sign."

02:49 Swedish athlete Adam Hofstedt ahead of start

02:53 SOUNDBITE: Adam Hofstedt, Gold Medallist, Men's Super-G (Swedish Language).

"Och jag är bara extremt glad. Och sen var jag ju såklart pirrig att någon skulle komma med högre nummer."

English translation

"And I'm just extremely happy, and of course I was nervous that someone would get higher numbers."

03:00 Swedish athlete Adam Hofstedt in action

03:04 SOUNDBITE: Adam Hofstedt, Gold Medallist, Men's Super-G (Swedish Language).

"Väldigt glad och bara en extrem möjlighet, som är väldigt – liksom kul att vara en del av det här."

English translation

"Very happy and an incredible opportunity, that's – it's fun to be a part of this."

03:14 Various shots from medal ceremony

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