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STORY HEADLINE: Sweden's Maerta Rosenberg completes her set of medals at Lausanne 2020 with gold in women's cross-country 5km classic

LOCATION: Vallée de Joux Cross-Country Centre

DATE: January 21, 2020

LANGUAGE: Swedish

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STORY SCRIPT:

Maerta Rosenberg of Sweden is taking home from the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) bronze, silver and finally a gold medal after victory in the women's cross-country skiing 5km classic.

Rosenberg began the 5km race at the Vallée de Joux Cross-Country Centre looking for gold after coming third in the Women's cross-country free sprint, and second in cross-country free cross.

The 17-year-old from Are in Sweden, demonstrated her determination to add gold to her collection by storming into a convincing early lead, more than 8 seconds clear of her rival at the 1.2km split. She extended her lead to 11.5 seconds by the halfway mark and looked in control for the rest of the time-trial race.

Switzerland's Siri Wigger, gold medallist in the races Rosenberg picked up bronze and silver, tried but failed to keep pace with her Swedish rival. Rosenberg won in a time of 14 minutes 15.7 seconds, winning by 12.7 seconds.

Wigger held on for the silver medal from bronze medallist Kendall Kramer of the United States.

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 Shots of Maerta Rosenberg during the women's cross country ski 5km final.

00:54 Maerta Rosenberg steps onto the podium at the mascot ceremony.

01:07 The medallists on the podium.

01:12 SOUNDBITE: Maerta Rosenberg, Sweden. Gold Medallist, Women's Ski Cross-Country 5km Classic (Swedish Language).

"I think I got a bit stressed when they said I was leading, so I got all excited and I fell quite clumsily. I was quick to get back up though and in the end it all went well."

01:27 Action of Maerta Rosenberg during the race.

01:31 SOUNDBITE: Maerta Rosenberg, Sweden. Gold Medallist, Women's Ski Cross-Country 5km Classic (Swedish Language).

"I don't know, I can't really think when I race. At the end I could only see black, that's how tired I was."

01:43 Action of Maerta Rosenberg during the race.

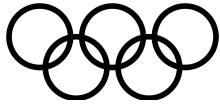
01:47 SOUNDBITE: Maerta Rosenberg, Sweden. Gold Medallist, Women's Cross-Country Ski 5km Classic (Swedish Language) [on whether she thought she would win]

"I know I'm good at classic skiing, so maybe a little bit but it's not at all easy and I take nothing for granted."

01:55 Action from the medal ceremony of the women's cross-country ski 5km classic.

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