Lukas Nydegger of Germany wins Men's Skeleton Gold at Winter Youth Olympic Games Lausanne 2020

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Lukas Nydegger of Germany was the convincing gold medal winner of the Men’s Skeleton in the final event staged in the Alpine resort of St Moritz at the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG).

17-year-old Nydegger careered down the run for a combined time of 2 minutes 17 seconds, 1.42 seconds ahead of silver medallist Elvis Veinbergs of Latvia.

Switzerland’s Livio Summermatter won the bronze medal.

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 Lukas Nydegger running at start line
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00:47 Lukas Nydegger, silver medallist Elvis Veinbergs of Latvia and bronze medallist Livio Summermatter of Switzerland on podium at mascot ceremony

00:55 SOUNDBITE: Lukas Nydegger, Germany. Gold medallist in Men's Skeleton (German Language).
“It is really difficult to describe, it is an amazing feeling, it is not like winning any other race. I cannot describe it.”

01:05 Lukas Nydegger preparing for start

01:11 SOUNDBITE: Lukas Nydegger, Germany. Gold medallist in Men's Skeleton (German Language).
“The runs were really good, I started twice really well, and ran twice pretty well, too, with the exception of one or two weak spots, but all in all I am very satisfied. I had twice a lot of fun.”

01:26 Lukas Nydegger after he crossed the finish line

01:30 SOUNDBITE: Lukas Nydegger, Germany. Gold medallist in Men's Skeleton (German Language).
“It feels different than I had dreamt it, it feels more extreme than I had dreamt what it would have felt like.”

01:38 Lukas Nydegger being congratulated by teammates

01:42 SOUNDBITE: Lukas Nydegger, Germany. Gold medallist in Men's Skeleton (German Language).
“I was pretty excited when I got up this morning. And somehow I already felt really happy. I smiled the whole day through.”

01:52 Shots from the medal ceremony of the men's skeleton

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