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20 July 2017, Opening Ceremony

Thomas Bach enjoyed the show

Before the Opening Ceremony began at the Wrocław Stadium, the President of the International World Games Association [IWGA] José Perurena, the President of the International Olympic Committee Thomas Bach, the Mayor of Wrocław Rafał Dutkiewicz and the President of the Polish Olympic Committee Andrzej Kraśnicki met with journalists. Many important words were said. "This is the largest event in the history of Poland, but not the only one you have had here. You are known for great organization, and I am not surprised you are entrusted with an event such as this," said Thomas Bach. The IOC praised the "diversity of sports" celebrated at The World Games. José Perurena already looked forward to the first competition day: "I have been involved with six Olympics, and the quality of the venues here in Wrocław is similar to the quality of Olympics venues. It is high, high quality." Rafał Dutkiewicz stated that "Wrocław is ready to deliver an outstanding event." And as it turned out, the Mayor of Wrocław was very right!



At 7 p.m. the impressive Opening Ceremony began, featuring four hundred artistes watched live by 25,000 spectators at the sold-out stadium in Wrocław, as well as hundreds of thousands on the Polsat TV open channel. The show started with a fantastic overture by the symphony orchestra conducted by Radzimir Dębski, presenting the story of hospitable Wrocław. Then the march-past of the athletes from the 103 participating countries started.





At 8.15 p.m. Thomas Bach declared the 10th edition of The World Games 2017 in Wrocław open. After his speech the oaths were taken by the representatives of referees and athletes. Marek Kolbowicz, Polish Olympic champion from Beijing in Rowing and participant in the Indoor Rowing competitions at TWG 2017, and Róża Gumienna, a Wrocław Kickboxer, spoke the official words on behalf of all the participants.







Stars of the Opening Ceremony? Apart from the above-mentioned Radzimir Dębski, Steve Nash with the Turntable Orchestra should be mentioned as well as Kamil Bednarek, Dawid Kwiatkowski, Natalia Sikora, Igor Herbut with the band Lemon and BeMy. And, most importantly, the band Varius Manx with Kasia Stankiewicz, who sang the official anthem of The World Games 2017 – “Run”.







With the cooperation and efforts of hundreds of artistes, the hosts created a spectacular and unique performance, inspired by the opening ceremonies of the Olympic Games. Over a period of two hours the most prominent Polish artistes, as well as dozens of dancers and athletes, presented Poland and Wrocław in the best possible light. It impressed the IOC President Thomas Bach as well: "I think it was a fantastic show of the variety of sports and modern Polish culture. You could see how much the athletes and the spectators were excited by it. I enjoyed it very much. I even felt inclined to start rocking."





Bartosz Bieszyński (Walk Events Agency), the main Producer of the show, was also overjoyed. “We are happy that everyone has become so involved in this event, and I am talking about more than a thousand people who have given so much positive energy to it. We thank the International World Games Association and the City of Wrocław for their trust,” he concluded. The show lasted more than two-and-a-half hours; it was on three stages with 400 dancers, singers and musicians, and was broadcast all over the world through coverage by the Olympic Channel and international TV channels. It took six months of planning, dozens of rehearsals and twenty assembly days, using over 300 tons of structural material delivered by several dozen trucks.

Well, let’s get started!







21 July 2017, Competition Day One

“If the athletes are happy, we are happy”

The first to compete were the athletes in Air Sports, RollerSports, Bowling, Flying Disc, Life Saving and Sport Climbing. The last of these sports took over the Nowy Targ Square, which on the first day of competition was visited by IOC President Thomas Bach – accompanied by José Perurena, IWGA President, Andrzej Kraśnicki, Polish Olympic Committee President, Rafał Dutkiewicz, Mayor of Wrocław, and Irena Szewińska, a seven-time medalist at the Olympic Games in Athletics and an IOC member.







Sport Climbing will be introduced into the programme of the Olympic Games in Tokyo [2020], and the fact that the arena was placed in the centre of Wrocław, close to many people, was the right step. “We have to go where the fans are,” said President Bach. And he added: “This is what it is all about. If the athletes are happy, we can all be happy.” From Nowy Targ Square he went to the Millennium Park to watch the races on the Roller Skating track. This facility was put into use on July 1, and the opening was attended by, among others, Zbigniew Bródka, Speed Skater and Olympic Champion from Sochi [2014], one of the Ambassadors of The World Games 2017. He took the first laps on the track in the company of experts in this sport from the Sports Club Orlica Duszniki Zdrój. Those outstanding Speed Skaters, the Dutch twins Michel and Ronald Mulder, who were medalists at the last winter Olympic Games in Sochi in 2014, came to participate in The World Games. In the 500-metre race Michel won a gold medal and his brother a bronze. However the first The World Games gold medals went to Geina Pajaro from Colombia and Simon Albrecht from Germany. What we can say is: all of these athletes were very happy athletes on this first competition day.





The people of Wrocław also had their moments of joy. What will be remembered is that Alicja Tchórz won the first medal at TWG 2017 for Wrocław and for Poland. The 24-year-old swimmer from the Juvenia Club, and the Olympian from Rio, grabbed a silver medal in the 200-metre Obstacle race in Life Saving, yielding 0.52 sec. to Silvia Meschiari from Italy.

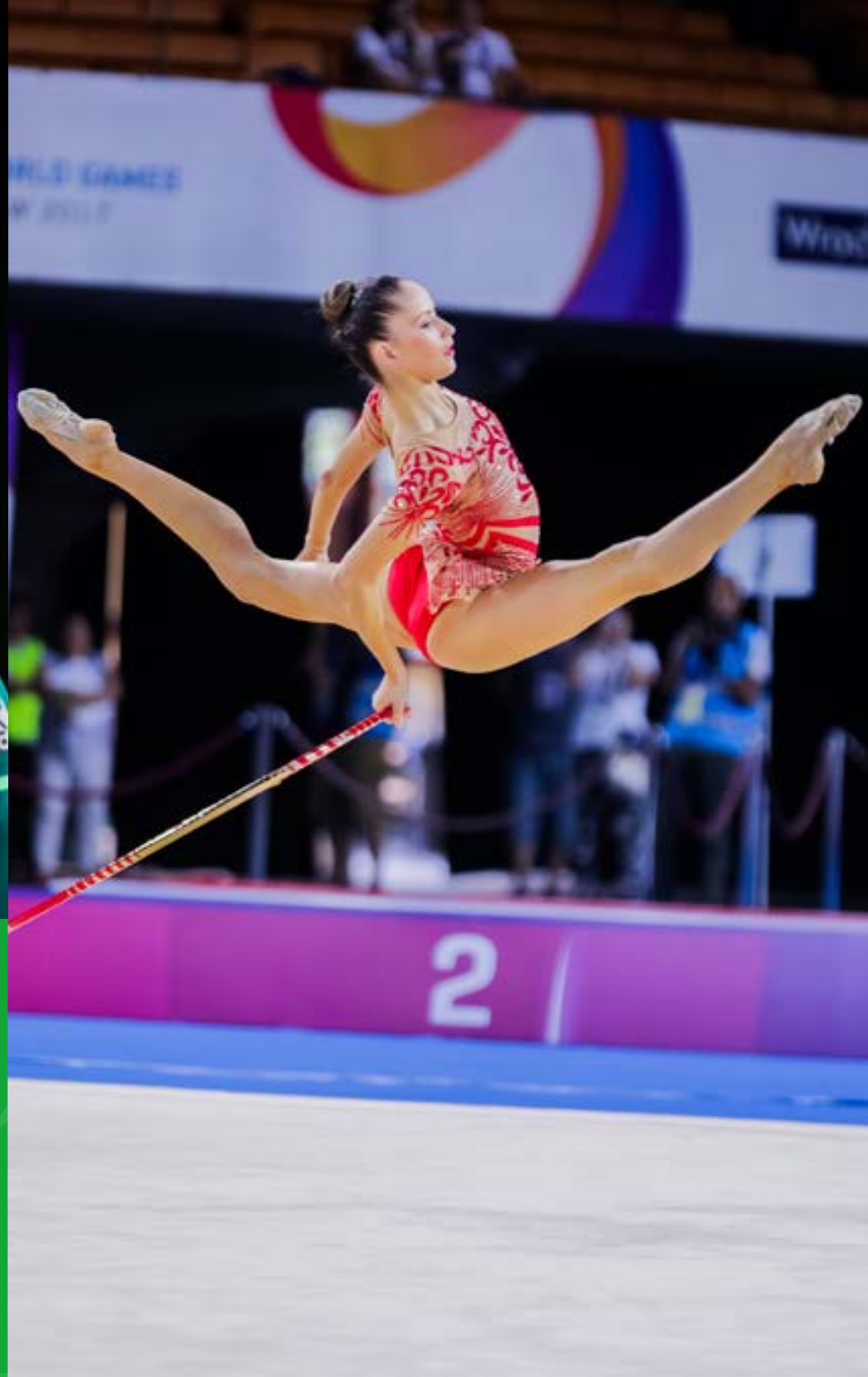
Ye Sol Jang from the Republic of Korea was awarded the first gold medal at the 10th edition of this multi-sport event. The 28-year-old athlete won the Finswimming Women's Apnoea 50 m final at the sold-out Orbita indoor swimming pool. It took her 16.02 seconds in beating Gain Kim, also from Republic of Korea, who won silver, and Kateryna Dyelova [Ukraine] who got the bronze. Of course José Perurena, President of the IWGA and the Mayor of Wrocław Rafał Dutkiewicz did not want to miss the chance to award the first Champion in the 222 medal events.





Records continued to fall at the Orbita swimming pool: Hungary's Petra Senanzsky set a new World Record time of 20.52 seconds in Women's Bi fins 50m Finswimming. Not to be outdone, Russian Valeriya Baranovskaya also set a new World Record of 1:25.41 in the Women's Surface 200 m. The same swimmer was also part of the Russian Surface Relay team in the 4 x 100 m, who set a new The World Games record.





What will also be remembered is 'Sister Act 2' with Russian twins as the leading characters. Arina and Dina Averina saw double success in the Centennial Hall. The first day of Rhythmic Gymnastics competition was dominated by the 18-year-old Russian twins. In the exercises with the ball and the hoop they were second to none, earning two gold and two silver medals respectively.





22 July 2017, Competition Day 2

A Medal for mummy

It was supposed to be a golden day for Poland, because of Marcin Dzieński's speed. "I'm interested in the gold medal in Speed Climbing. If anyone can stop me, it's probably Reza Alipourshenazandifar from Iran, the world-record holder, who has been climbing regularly in less than six seconds for some time," commented Dzieński before the competition. And as for the ability of the Iranian, he was right, because Alipourshenazandifar won the gold, whereas Dzieński lost the race for bronze against the Russian Stanislav Kokorin. The 23-year-old climber from Iran made it up the 15-metre high wall in 5.57 sec. His opponent Danyil Boldyrev [Ukraine] had a false start. It was the first gold medal for Iran in The World Games history. "This medal made a dream come true which I have had for so many years," The World Games Athlete of the Year 2017 said afterwards. In Lead and Bouldering, the dominance of the young Japanese participants was apparent. They are already preparing to start in the Olympic Games in Tokyo. Sport Climbing will make its debut in the Olympic programme in Tokyo.



It might have comforted the souls of the Polish fans, suffering from the defeat of Marcin Dzieński, that Magdalena Macios won a bronze medal in the Women's Lightweight Sumo competition by beating Okutomi Yuko from Japan. Macios dedicated her medal "to my mum, who supported me in the preparations and cooked my dinners." Her compatriot Pawel Woyda won bronze in the Men's Lightweight discipline. So it was really not a bad day for the host country of the 10th edition of the multi-sports event. But it was an even better day for Russia, in winning four gold medals on the Sumo Dojo. Batyr Altyev, Atsamaz Kaziev, Vasillii Margiev and Anna Margiev were the best wrestlers in their weight classes at the Orbiata Hall. Russia took the lead in the overall medal tally.







The organisers in the swimming complex, right next to the Orbita Hall, also had reasons to be happy. And not only when looking at the stands, filled to the last seat. The fight for medals in Life Saving once again produced unprecedented results. Already in the qualifiers, the Australian Mariah Jones beat The World Games record in the 50 m Manikin Carry [35.44]. The same, but in the men's competition, did the Spaniard Eduardo Blasco [29.41]. His record lasted for only a few minutes, however, because in the next qualifying race the German Joshua Perling [29.11] turned out to be even faster. And finally in the third race, his compatriot Danny Wieck beat not only The World Games record, but also, with a time of 27.27 sec., set a new World Record. There were four more new World Records set on that Saturday. Athletes from France and Italy and the relay teams from Belgium and Germany were inspired by the amazing atmosphere at the venue on this Saturday to achieve outstanding performances.



As said, records under the roof of the Orbita Hall became commonplace. In the 4 × 25 m Manikin Relay The World Games record was first captured by the Japanese, and later by the Polish men's relay team [1:06.54]. However, the Germans quickly hit back at the Poles [1:04.64 – the World Record!], which promised a fantastic race in the grand finale. And so it was, since Germany beat the World Record for the second time [1:04.04], receiving the gold medal and surpassing the team of the host country.





There were not only tears of joy to be seen at the Orbita pool that day. In the Women's Team 4 × 50 Medley Relay in Life Saving, the team from France came in third. But one of their athletes held the 'eel' contrary to the rules, i.e. not grasping the belt but the buckle, which resulted in a disqualification. When the tri-colour girls were told of this, they cried when they left the water. The team of Karolina Faszczewska, Dominika Kossakowska, Anna Nocoń and Alicja Tchórz from Poland won the bronze medal instead.

On the same [and the second] day, IWGA President José Perurena shared his thoughts about the legacy of The World Games. "We don't require new venues. If a host city builds facilities for our event it should improve the sports infrastructure of the city in the long run." The hosts of Wrocław 2017 already had in mind how to make use of the venues after 30th July when the Games would be over. The newly-built Orbita pool is an example of this legacy and has been well used by the citizens of Wrocław ever since the Closing Ceremony.



Saturday also featured American Football, one of the four invitational sports alongside Speedway, Kickboxing, and Indoor Rowing. The finalists in the tournament were decided at the Olympic Stadium. In the first semi-final, Germany beat the United States 14-13, and in the second Poland lost to France 8-22.





The competitions in Bowling also took place that day and appeared to be at a high level. The title of champion was taken by Kelly Kulick from the USA. The men's champion the next day was a Korean, Youngseon Cho. The venue was located in the Sky Tower, at 212 metres the highest building in Wrocław and a landmark for the region.









23 July 2017, Competition Day 3

Bógdał fell from the sky for the gold

Before celebrating the first gold medal for Poland, it has to be stated that the Sunday was definitely the most difficult day for the organisers. Gales and heavy storms did their best to disrupt the event schedule, but to no avail. “We had the biggest problems on the Roller Skating track, where parts of the infrastructure were flying in the air, and also on the Marsowe Fields, where water reached ankle level on the pitch for the Ultimate Frisbee tournament. At the Oławka Stadium, to be on the safe side the Fistball matches were played on the training pitch, in order not to destroy the main field,” recalls Sport Director of the Games, Grzegorz Pyzałka. However the day was also wet with the tears of happiness. At the Szymanów Airfield the 22-year-old student Wojciech Bógdał became The World Games Champion after a striking competition in the Paramotor Slalom discipline. His success was more than well received: “My cellphone gave up after I had received so many calls and text messages,” Wojciech Bógdał said. His compatriot Marcin Biernat fell from the sky with the bronze. The athletes shared the podium with Kittiphop Phrommat from Thailand. In Glider Aerobatics, the Hungarian Ferenc Toth was the winner. In the third competition, the Canopy Piloting, the gold went to an American, Nicholas Batsch.





The tournament in Ultimate Frisbee started with a surprise. Colombia beat the highly favoured team from the USA 13-12 in the preliminary round. In the final, the South and North Americans faced each other again. This time Team USA did not miss the success on Marsowe Field and won 13-7. This marked the fourth consecutive World Games title in the row for the team. Poland could not win a single game in the tournament, but the joy of being able to present themselves was at least a consolation. In any case, hosts have a hard time in this sport: Germany came fifth in 2005. Chinese Taipei finished sixth in 2009 and Colombia lost the bronze medal game in 2013.





Meanwhile, gymnasts from Russia and China performed under the dome of the Centennial Hall. CCTV4, the Chinese television accredited to The World Games 2017, did not leave the facility for eight hours, all the time conducting interviews with the Aerobics masters. The earlier-mentioned amazing twins from Russia continued their unprecedented medal streak: Arina Averina won her third gold medal, and her younger [about 20 minutes] sister Dina added another gold medal and a third silver to the previous day's two silver medals. In total, the sisters won eight medals in four competitions.

At The World Games Plaza on Plac Wolności, fans found workshops connected with the sports of The World Games – as well as demonstrations of those sports which would like to be included in the Games. In addition, fans could enjoy good music and concerts performed by top artistes.







The final preparations for competition in the National Forum of Music took place. This time the citizens would not be listening to a symphony orchestra, but instead the sounds of barbells and powerlifters, competing consecutively in the following competitions: Squat with a barbell on the shoulders, lying down Chest Press and Deadlifting. There was one woman who performed a master class as a solo artiste: Larysa Soloviova. The 38-year-old powerlifter from Ukraine won her fourth gold medal in a row at The World Games. Lifting in total 605 kg was more than enough to be re-crowned as The World Games Champion in the Women's Middleweight Final. Anna Ryzhkova from Russia, winning silver, lifted just 552.5 kg. But a "just" does not seem appropriate. In this discipline, the best contestants in the world can lift nearly half a ton! Karl Yang Christiansen from Norway squatted with a weight of 490 kg, Fredrik Smulter from Finland lifted 400 kg in the Chest Press, and Tibor Mesaros from Hungary raised 408 kg in Deadlift. A violin weighs no more than 500 grams.





Another world record should also be marked, this time at Pergola next to the Centennial Hall, where the Boulodrome was built. The new record-holder was an Italian, Diego Rizzi, scoring 67 points in Precision Shooting and beating the best achievement to date in this competition by three points. Precision Shooting consists of throwing the boules at specific targets from four distances (6, 7, 8 and 9 metres) in five different configurations. Up to 100 points can be earned, but achieving half of them is really a very, very good result. Unfortunately, the Raffa facilities were heavily damaged by the storm on Sunday and the Singles matches had to be cancelled. It was the first time in the history of The World Games that a competition had to be concluded without a result. Meanwhile, team USA experienced an unexpected defeat by Colombia [12-13]. They took revenge in the final at Marsowe Fields.







24 July 2017, Competition Day 4

Singing in the rain

The Olympic Stadium was refurbished for The World Games. Thousands of tickets were sold for American Football, a sport very popular in Poland. But the hosts could not meet the expectations. In the match for third place they lost 7-14 to the USA team. In the final, France beat Germany 14-6 and the players performed “Singing in the rain” after the last whistle. More than 20,000 spectators watched the matches at the Olympic Stadium.







Talking about music, let's listen to Jean-Charles Valladont from France: "I am sad that I will not be hearing the French national anthem tomorrow." What had happened? In one of the semi-finals in Field Archery at Pergola, Centennial Hall, the reigning World Games Champion had to face the fact: there is no way now I can defend the title. In the crucial match, the winner from Cali lost 86-91 to Wataru Oonuki from Japan. The athlete who enjoyed the sound of his national anthem was Amedeo Tonelli from Italy.





On the platform at the National Forum of Music, Powerlifting Lightweight categories competed. A Russian, Siergiej Fiedosienko, weighing less than 56 kg was the most powerful. The ten-time world champion and defender of the Cali trophy squatted with a barbell weighing 290 kg. He lifted 192.5 kg on the bench and 260 kg in Deadlift. Dariusz Wszola, the bronze medalist of The World Games from Duisburg (2005), who took part in this great event for the fourth time, was ninth. In the women's competition, Natalia Salnikova from Russia claimed gold (total weight 525 kg). Silver went to the powerlifter from Japan, Yukako Fukushima (485 kg), and bronze to Chinese Taipei, Wei-Ling Chen (452.5).







In Korfball in the WKK Sports Complex on Czajcza Street, Chinese Taipei started on its way to its historic appearance in the finals. Chinese Taipei beat Poland 29-16. At the same time, in the Hasta La Vista Sports Centre on Góralaska Street the organisers declared that they were ready to receive the world's leading Squash athletes. Tickets for the competitions were sold out. Simon Rösner, representing Germany [11th in the world ranking], was the biggest star in the men's tournament. Max Lee from Hong Kong [17th] and Diego Elias from Peru [19th], among others, competed alongside him. As for the women, there were announced, among others, Camile Serme from France – placed third in the World ranking, as well as Egyptian Nouran Gohar [5th]. The woman most in the limelight: Malaysia's eight-time world champion Nicol David was bidding to win a record fourth gold medal in the women's event. David won gold in the 2005 Games in Duisburg, Germany, then the 2009 event in Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei, before retaining the title in the Cali Games in 2013. More about a drama here later.

25 July 2017, Competition Day 5

Boys do cry

The video showing Jarosław Olech with gold around his neck and tears in his eyes went viral. The iron man did not fail. The powerlifter Olech from Poland won the gold in Middleweight on home ground, outstripping Ukrainian competitors Wołodymir Rysiew and Andrij Naniew. It was the second gold medal for the Polish national team during The World Games 2017 and Olech's third in a row at The World Games. Previously, he won gold in Kaohsiung 2009 and Cali 2013. When the Polish national anthem sounded in the main hall of the National Forum of Music, Olech was strong enough to show his tears, overwhelmed by emotions of his success and the support of the Polish spectators. Earlier, he was supported loudly by his relatives from Starachowice. "I expected many fans and I was not disappointed. It was also for them that I won the gold medal," the winner said. When squatting with the bar on his shoulders the Pole, the lightest among the competitors [71.52 kg], achieved 355 kg in the second turn. In the third one, more weight was on the bar, 365 kg, but the two referees did not count that attempt. "I did not feel the depth of the squat because of the great pressure I felt around me. I think the squatting position wasn't correct," said the Pole, who did not lose the lead for a moment, achieving in total 650.67 points.





“I wanted to beat the world record, but not everything went as it should. Here we collected kilos, because in Powerlifting it’s the points that count. Winning does not bore me, but motivates me even more to stay the best. I can still compete for a long time, and the most important thing is not to catch an injury. Well, you have to motivate yourself during training, because there are no results without it. I have a plan for each training session and I have to follow it,” Olech prescribed as his recipe for success. But the spectators finally enjoyed a world record. Set by the Ukrainian Siergii Bilyi lifting barbell Squat – 407.5 kg, barbell Bench Press – 297.5 kg, Deadlift – 375 kg, total – 1080 kg. And there was a moment of horror for Kristoffer Eikeland: after the Norwegian tried to raise 350 kg in a Deadlift, he fell to the floor, looking badly injured. “It can happen to anyone during excessive physical exertion. Oxygen goes to the muscles and is cut off from the head, and the person faints,” explained a paramedic. A moment later, the Norwegian powerlifter was already on his feet.



Frankly speaking, Korfball works this way: It does not matter how many teams are in the tournament and from which country they come from: the Netherlands win the gold medal. In Wrocław the rule was confirmed: the Dutch defeated Chinese Taipei 26-14. Still, this final was remarkable. It was the first time in the history of The World Games that an Asian country played in the gold-medal match of the Korfball tournament. The Belgians did not give the Germans a chance [24-9] in the match for bronze.







The headlines of the Squash semi-finals were grabbed by Hong Kong's Joey Chan, who upset three-time gold medalist Nicol David on the all-glass show court at the Hasta la Vista club in the city of Wrocław, bringing to an end the illustrious Malaysian's unbeaten 16-match World Games run since 2005. David, unbeaten by a fellow Asian in 15 years, was meeting world No. 19 Chan - an opponent to whom she had only ever conceded a single game since The World Games clash in 2009 - for the ninth time. But Chan had a plan - and after calmly taking the fourth set for the loss of just four points, the 29-year-old left-hander conceded one match ball at 10-4 before clinching the match 7-11, 12-10, 5-11, 11-4, 11-5 in 54 minutes to claim a shock place in the final. "I can't believe it," said the Hong Kong No.2 [pictured above in action with David]. "Nicol has always been my idol - she's a role model for all Squash players. I think I've been getting close to her recently - but to beat her for the first time is amazing. I am very happy."



The Karateka from Japan won two gold medals and one silver medal on the first day of the competition at the GEM Sports Complex reserved for the martial arts competitions. Riyu Kiyuna was unbeatable in the Men's Kata finals, Miho Miyahara won the Women's Kumite 50 kg competition, and Kiyou Shimzu won silver in Women's Kata. The victories were advertising messages to the home country. Karate will be on the agenda at the 2020 Olympic Games. Then it's about digging for gold at home. The performance at The World Games in Wrocław showed that the anticipation is justified.









An amazing, seven-set final of the Fistball competition ended in victory for the Germans. Even the injury to the best player in the world, Patrick Thomas (who seriously damaged his shoulder in a collision with a team-mate during the first match) did not prevent them from winning. Without their leader, the Germans were still considered absolute favourites, but the Swiss team put up an incredible resistance and won the first two sets! However, what is important is that the final was played in a longer form – up to four sets to be won, and with the score 3-1, the Swiss needed only one more winning set. The Germans, however, came back to the play, winning three more rounds, including a very fierce sixth set (12-10). Earlier, in the third place match, Brazil lost to Austria 2-3.





The Italian Amedeo Tonelli and the German Lisa Unruh became the champions of The World Games 2017 in Field Archery – Recurve in the Szczytnicki Park. In the women’s competition for gold, the tie-break, i.e. an extra shot, decided the outcome. Four shootings [12 shot] did not select the winner, although at the halfway point the Briton had the higher placing with a four-point lead. The German, the Olympic runner-up from Rio de Janeiro, had equalised already in the third shooting. In the fourth – the most spectacular one – both achieved the same results and there was a 52-52 draw. The tie-break was decisive. One extra shot for each. Unruh sent the first arrow. She hit the ‘five’. Folkard hit the ‘three’, and that is how the new champion of The World Games was decided. The Italian Tomassi took the bronze.





The competitions on the roller-skating rink, the most modern of such facilities in Poland, concluded. The brightest star was the Colombian Fabriana Arias, who won three gold and two silver medals. The 23-year-old skater was the most successful athlete of The World Games 2017. In total, 18 sets of medals were awarded at the Millennium Park and most of them went to the national teams of Colombia. Let's put it this way: El Dorado was the mythical lost city of gold in Colombia that explorers tried in vain to find. However the Colombian athletes finally located the golden city. It turned out that the adventurers and archaeologists had been looking in the wrong place. Instead of searching in South America, they should have headed to the Millennium Park of Wrocław.







Finally, it was time for the Opening Ceremony in Kickboxing at the GEM Complex. Already at this stage, fortune favoured Małgorzata Dymus [category 56 kg]. Her rival, a Tunisian, did not fit in the weight limit, which meant that the Polish contestant would start the competition from the semi-final stage. And it is very close to the podium from there. During The World Games, kickboxers fight by the K-1 rules. There is a whole spectrum of blows here. Players can kick rivals across the entire body, but only in the front – the head, torso, thigh and lower leg. Kickboxing was one of the invitational sports on the programme of The World Games.



26 July 2017, Competition Day 6

A broken nose that paid off

Indoor Rowing was one of the invitational sports on the programme, staged outside Wrocław at the Multifunctional Hall in Jelcz - Laskowice. A good choice from the perspective of the host country: Poland won gold as Artur Mikolajczewski [Lightweight] crossed the virtual finish line first in 2000 m Men's Lightweight. The Pole overtook an Austrian, Florian Berg, and Jaruwat Saensuka from Thailand. Bartosz Zablocki came in second in the Men's Openweight class. The Ukrainian Olena Buriak set a World Record with a result of 6:22.8 minutes. She led from the start and it looked as though she passed the finish line effortlessly. She improved her world record by three seconds!





His performance cost the Karate fighter from Wrocław, Michał Bąbos [cat. 84 kg] a broken nose. However, it paid off – in the GEM Complex he fought heroically and in front of his own audience he reached for bronze in Kumite, and his final fight, with Moroccan Achraf Ouchen, was the jewel of his two days of competition. The gold in this category went to the Japanese Hideyoshi Kagawa, silver to the Iranian Sajad Ganjzade. Japan topped the medal table of the event with a tally of seven medals, thus confirming their power-house status in the sport. Good news for Japan, as Karate will be on the programme of the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. The delegations of France and Iran also registered successful performances, with four and five medals respectively. The Karate competition at The World Games comprised the two disciplines of this ancient sport, Kata and Kumite.







WAKO - World Association of Kickboxing Organizations, is the youngest member of The World Games family. The association has belonged to the IWGA since 2014. The spectators experienced an intense programme in the Orbita Hall: 72 fights fought by 95 fighters in two rings. 31 nations participated in the event. The 'workload' was necessary: twelve gold medals had to be awarded in the finals one day later.









The long-awaited Beach Handball tournament started on Wednesday as well. Awaited, because this time it was not necessary to fly to Rio de Janeiro to see Brazilians on the beach. They came to Wrocław to present their skills on the Marsowe Fields. The Polish women had the honour of playing against the upcoming champions. Brazil won 2-0. Croatia's men beat the home team 2-0 on the first day of the tournament.

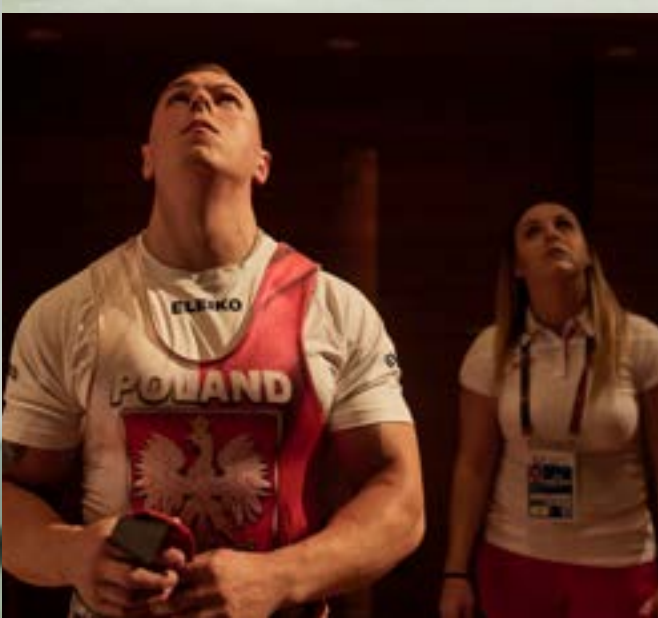


In the National Forum of Music the dumbbells bowed for the last time. The final event in Powerlifting belonged to the athletes competing in the Heavyweight category. The Ukrainian, Oleksiy Rokoczi, was the anticipated third-placing among the men. But Ukrainian Oleksiy Byczkow, one of the favourites, retired without a valid attempt. When the American giant Blaine Sumner [175 kg], who led after two battles, did not succeed in a Deadlift, he also cried: in disappointment. Oleksiy Rokoczi from Ukraine took the opportunity to win the title, which was expected to go to the multiple World Champion from Colorado. What loads can a Powerlifter lift? The American Joseph Cappelino, winner of the silver medal, moved in the Squat a full 440 kilos. Krzysztof Wierzbicki finished fifth, but set a World Record of 420 kg. How much does an athlete weigh in this class? Joseph Cappelino was listed as weighing 166.2 kilos.





Powerlifting is indeed a sport that is about body weight and weights. And yet, sometimes there is a close call. American Bonica Lough won the gold medal [600.71 points] with a lead of 2.5 points over Tatiana Melnik from Ukraine. Overall, Bonica Lough lifted 763 kg [310 - 205 - 247.5], and hence set a new World Record. Her competitor reached 620 kg [245 - 170 - 205], over 100 kilos less. Nevertheless, the decision was a close one. The reason: The American entered the competition with a body weight of 131 kilos. The scale showed 73.2 kilos for the Ukrainian. In order to make results comparable, the weights on the dumbbell are therefore set in relation to the body weight.





A lot happened also in The World Games 2017 partner cities. In Trzebnica, medals were awarded in Orienteering [Middle Distance]; the Swede Helena Jansson and the Swiss Matthias Kyburz were awarded gold at the area featuring a beech forest and the Municipal Water Park. In Świdnica, the spectators experienced the battles of the world's best Inline Hockey players. The home team had to learn this lesson the hard way. Poland lost 0-10 to the Americans, who had to strike back after losing 1-7 to Canada.

Six days of competition are behind us. 135 sets of medals were awarded and of them, 47 medals went to the Russians. The hosts stood on the podium twelve times, so it was already known that this was the best performance by Poles in the history of The World Games. Therefore some could already celebrate, especially when the conditions were favourable. At The World Games Plaza [Wolności Square] a Kaufland Athletes' Party was organized, i.e. an evening party for participants. The British band Chase & Status [DJ set] played music, and just after the concert there was a laser show and video mapping on the facade of the National Forum of Music. And it should be mentioned that in the Wolności Square, every day at 7.45 p.m., prizes were awarded to the Athletes of the Day – one male and one female competitor. The winners received Tissot watches, The World Games 2017 sponsor brand.



27 July 2017, Competition Day 7

The unbeatable Maja Alm

The Wrocław organisers chose Kickboxing as one of the invitational sports performed at Orbita Hall. For good reason: the hosts, coached by Tomasz Skrzypek and Tomasz Mamulski, put six medals under the Polish belt: two gold, two silver, and two bronze. Marta Waliczek [60 kg] and Dawid Kasperski [86 kg], who in the final struggle defeated Melissa Aceves Martinez from Mexico and Bosnian Mesuda Selimović, listened to the Polish national anthem from the top of the podium. Silver went to the brave Michał Ronkiewicz [75 kg] and Mateusz Pluta [91 kg], and bronze to Michał Kazieczko [67 kg] and Małgorzata Dymus [56 kg]. The latter did not even have to enter the ring in the final match, as her rival, Austrian Christin Fiedler, did not reach the required weight.







Indoor Rowing was another discipline where medal hopes for Poland were promptly fulfilled, in Jelcz-Laskowice: Anna Wierzbowska won the silver in the 500-metre race. Only the world record holder, Olena Buriak from Ukraine, rowed faster, and the Swede Cecilia Velin earned the bronze. Overall, however, it was a success sport for Ukraine, which won three of six possible gold medals. Gold went twice to Olena Buriak.





White-and-red colours were dominant too after the Orienteering Sprint Relay. But this time we do not talk about Poland, but Denmark and the outstanding performance of Maja Alm. The competition was held near the Centennial Hall and the zoo, starting and finishing at Pergola. The organisers drew up an interesting map with which the athletes had to get acquainted in the course of the race, orientate themselves in the area and choose the shortest possible routes. The heavy rain did not make the task any easier.





The first leg was run by a woman, then the men ran the next two legs, and the competition was finished by women competitors. The early stages belonged to Sweden, but on the third leg their world fell apart. The lost Swede missed several positions and the chance for his team for a medal. But Great Britain gained, jumping from seventh place to just behind the leading Swiss. The gold medal could be taken away from Switzerland by only one person – the Dane Maja Alm, who previously ran alone for gold in the Sprint. This inconspicuous though highly successful competitor ran out on the last leg as the fourth-placed, but she presented herself phenomenally. That is to say that no other woman had completed her route section in less than 16 minutes. Alm did this with the time 15:23, faster than most men! She took her relay team into the lead, and did not give the gold medal back. The teams of Switzerland and Russia crossed the line just behind her. Individually, the fastest run was by the Czech Vojtech Kral [time 15:07], who took sixth place with his team.





Not the best weather for a day on the beach. Clouds obscured the sun over Marsowe Field. The Beach Handball women from Norway protected themselves from the cold in the match against Spain. The team also remained very cool and won their preliminary round game 2-0, and Poland's men had a reason to see 'blue sky': they won 2-0 against Egypt.







The key favourite – German Simon Rösner – advanced to the final of the men’s Squash tournament. Medals were also awarded on the Stara Odra River. The favourites in Water Ski Jumping did not disappoint, because a Belarusian Natalia Berdnikawa [48.8 m] and German Bojan Schipner [64.6 m] triumphed. When it comes to the Wakeboard, the favourite for the gold, the Italian Alice Virag, stood on the lowest stage of the podium. Interestingly, Nicola Butler from South Africa became the Champion, although in the qualifying rounds she did not get a direct classification, and entered the final through LSQ [Last-chance Qualifiers]. Among the men, the Japanese Shota Tezuka was unrivalled, and with his result [87.89] he gave no hope to Korean Yun Snaghyun [76.22] and Guy Firer from Israel [70.89].

Adam Sedlmajer won the first gold medal for the Czech Republic. The 30-year-old athlete achieved the title of The World Games Champion in the Waterskiing Slalom discipline. And it was another good day for Germany: Geena Krueger won gold in the women’s Slalom discipline on the River Odra. Natalia Berdnivka from Belarus also enchanted the judges with her performance in Waterski Trick.



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The outstanding Gymnastics competition in the Centennial Hall came to an end, and finally the Russian-Chinese hegemony was broken. This time, an audience of nearly 3,000 had the opportunity to listen to the anthems of the USA: Paige Howard was the best in the Women's Double Mini-trampoline. "God save the Queen" was also played, for the fabulous four Conor Sawenko, Charlie Tate, Adam Upcott and Lewis Watts from Great Britain in the Acrobatic Men's Groups All-around. Ukraine's Natalia Moskwin and Swietłana Małkowa listened to their national anthem as Champions in the Women's Synchronized Trampoline. But no one performed better somersaults and turns on the runway than the perfect Chinese Luo Zhang.

Lacrosse had its debut on the centre stage of The World Games. It was a tough introduction for the Polish team, who played their first ever international match. They could not have been given a more difficult opponent. In the previous week, USA easily defeated Canada to claim their seventh Lacrosse World Cup title. The completely inexperienced ladies from Poland gave it their best shot, but fell to a predictable 0-20. However the crowd gave them a standing ovation. It should be added that in the main Media Centre on Świdnicka street, the representatives of the Kriosystem Life met with the journalists. The company was the official service provider for The World Games 2017. For the duration of the Games, Kriosystem provided the competitors and referees with cryochambers.

28 July 2017, Competition Day 8

The late-arriving fans of the Czech Republic

It was a tough day for the team preparing the medal ceremonies for Ju-Jitsu. Twelve medal events were scheduled for Friday at the GEM Sports Complex. The first gold medal was awarded at five minutes to six, when the French athlete Haidar Raza Abbas won his final. He beat Maciej Polok from Poland in a very tight fight. Both scored 4 points. But Haidar Abbas achieved more so-called advantages in the Men's 69 kg Ne-Waza final. The last gold was given at 8.30 p.m. to Christof Szucs from Hungary. Houmine Seif Eddine from Morocco won the first gold medal at The World Games 2017 for his country in the Men's +94 kg Ne-Waza final. Also, Italy upset Germany in the Mixed Duo Finals. Jędrzej Loska from Poland stood on the highest step of the podium after winning his Men's 62 kg Ne-Waza final. What has to be mentioned as well: It was a busy day for all involved in running the final day at the Gem Complex. The schedule of the day comprised 65 matches!





That brings us back to the medal counting. The World Games does not only celebrate the diversity of sports, but also the diversity of nations on the medal tally. Before the weekend, 49 of the 111 partaking countries made it to the podium with at least one bronze medal. The Ju-Jitsu competition gave a good example for alternation during the award ceremony: the gold medalists represented France, Poland, Germany, Hungary, Mexico, Ukraine, Switzerland, Morocco and Denmark.







Once again it turned out that Brazilians do not only very much like the beach; they also know how to use it as a shiny playing surface. Even when the beach is far away from any coastline, but instead in the middle of a Polish city. Both the Brazilian women's team [2-0 in the semi-final against Spain] and the men's [2-0 over Hungary] confidently secured their place in the Beach Handball final. Their opponents for the next day on the sands of Marsowe Field: Argentina, who beat Norway 2-1 in the women's singles, and Croatia after 2-1 over Qatar.





The Floorball fans in Wrocław created a party atmosphere all day long as they celebrated their first ever participation as an official sport in The World Games. The day at WKK Hall on Czajcza Street had started unpromisingly, as large blocks of empty seats could be seen in the arena, but after the first period busloads of Czech fans packed the stands, their coach company having miscalculated the time needed to travel to Poland. Their chants were loud and their support unwavering in spite of the defeat of their team by Finland (4-2). The US team had to face an even harder time. The Swiss taught a lesson to the Americans (17-0). The next day, Sweden beat the US boys 20-0.







The first Muaythai athletes to take part in The World Games entered the rings at the Orbita Hall while the musicians played the traditional “Wai Khru Ram Muay” which means, in a way, “Dance to honour the teacher [coach]”. The competition was organised in a single elimination system, and the competitors fought for three rounds of three minutes each.

The results are evaluated by five judges who electronically give them points. However, it sometimes happens that there is a draw in the scoring, and then the judges must decide on the winner.

It was individually exciting for each athlete and also for the sport of Muaythai. IFMA President Dr Sakchye Tapsuwan said that the Muaythai family has been working towards this day for a long time, and he was very proud to see the skills and talent of so many young athletes from around the world in action at The World Games. In the female 54 kg, The World Games Athlete of the Year 2016, Sofia Olofsson, won her bout against Portugal’s Maria Lobo in a tense three rounds. The Polish crowd also had plenty to shout about, with Gabriela Kuzinwinska winning against Belarusian champion Liudmila Chislova on points. With her distinctive pink hair, Gabriela was looking to stand out and did so with a great display of mainly hand and elbow skills. In the men’s divisions, Oskar Siegert won in 63.5 kg in great style against Belaru’s Maxim Zhuk with a powerful blow which left Maxim unable to continue – it turns out the name ‘Oskar’ lends itself well to chanting! And in the 81 kg division Rafal Korczack took the win against Mexico’s Ivan Valenzeula.



The German women's team, also reigning champions, enjoyed the Friday even more with three wins in a row (Canada 3-1, Poland 15-1, Netherlands 4-2). The squad secured their spot in the semi-finals. Their key to success: in this discipline their incredible condition, orientation, reflex, and coordination counted. It is worth mentioning that the teams consist of five members (plus three substitutes), and the players have to get the ball – using hand or paddle – into the opponent's goal. The player fighting for the ball can collide with other players, push opponents with their hands, and even overturn them. Canoe Polo is a tough sport and the players wear a helmet with a protective grill for a good reason.





In the Wrocław Congress Centre, a part of the Centennial Hall Complex, the Billiards matches continued. On the programme: Carom. Billiards is very quiet. The players don't like disturbing noises. But athletes know how to express their emotions in other ways, ways that are as expressive as words.







A fantastic atmosphere accompanied the final Squash matches, and the favourites won gold: the German Simon Rösner and Camille Serme from France. A bronze medal was reserved for the legend, Nicol David. The 33-year-old Malaysian did not give Fiona Moverley from Great Britain a chance. "It's better to have a bronze medal than none," David admitted shortly after the match. "It's my first time in Poland, and I'm amazed at how well this event has been prepared. It is in no way inferior to the largest Squash tournaments in the world," added the eight-time world champion and one of the most recognisable representatives of this sport.





The organisers converted the venue layout of the Centennial Hall from Gymnastics to DanceSport in 20 hours of non-stop work, to set the stage for the competitions on Friday and Saturday. Benedetto Ferruggia and Claudia Koehler from Germany, who were about to dance in their third World Games and that as defending Champions, arrived in Wrocław so late in the afternoon that training was no longer an option. It did not matter. They achieved gold after performing in Tango, Waltz, Quickstep and Foxtrot in an outstanding way.

In Salsa, Stevens Rebolledo Montano and Yinessa Ortega from Colombia climbed on to the podium to receive their gold medals. In a dramatic final they narrowly prevailed against fellow Colombians and defending World Games Champions Jefferson Benjumea and Adriana Avila Molina. Third place went to the strong Italians Simone Sanfilippo Tabo and Serena Maso. The sparks flew out to the public in attendance when the six finalists started to burn the floor at the virtually sold-out Centennial Hall! Great atmosphere!





29 July, Competition Day 9

When cliché Meets reality

Next to the Centennial Hall, in the Feature Film Studio, masterpieces of Polish cinema were once created. At The World Games, fate also came up with a brilliant scenario. This day we could listen to Rock'n'roll and then to the Polish national anthem. The gold medal in Rock'n Roll was awarded to the best couple, Anna Miadzielec and Jacek Tarczyło. They have been dancing together for eight years. She had practiced Acrobatics before, whilst he has always been a dancer. They are manifold world champions and they usually fight fiercely with the Russians, who won silver under the dome of the Centennial Hall. These medals were awarded to Ksenia Osnowina and Konstantin Czistikow, whereas the bronze were won by the Germans Michelle Uhl and Tobias Bludau. For the record: Anna Matus and Gabriele Goffredo from Colombia performed the best routines in the Latin finals.







Near the Centennial Hall, at the Olympic Stadium Speedway track, expectations were very high. The Poles were also supposed to win the gold in Speedway, one of the invitational sports, and more than 11,500 spectators in a sold-out venue were keen to witness this success in a sport very popular in Poland. And they did not come in vain, thanks to Maciej Janowski, Bartosz Zmarzlik and Patryk Dudek. To get to the final race, however, the team had to defeat the Swedes during the play-offs. It worked, but not without problems. The winner was Antonio Lindbäck, but the Poles took the next two places. The Poles' bonus point, according to the regulations, proved to be more valuable than Lindbäck's three and Fredrik Lindgren's zero. As a result of this, Marek Cieślak's team got into the most important game of the evening, where the Australians were already waiting for them. Here the home team had a great start and clearly won. At the finish line, Zmarzlik finished first ahead of Janowski, Jason Doyle and Max Fricke.





Anna Berger had already won a gold medal for Austria in Indoor Rowing. But that was in an invitational sport and did not count for the official medal table. On the penultimate competition day, Team Austria followed the idea “better late than never”. The Jiu-Jitsu twins Mirneta and Mirnesa Becirovic retained their title from 2013 in Women’s Duo. In the Men’s Duo final, Nicolaus Bichler and Sebastian Vosta performed best, winning the second gold on Saturday. By the side of these successes we should also record the performance of the Polish team. The most spectacular fight was won by the 40-year-old Tomasz Szewczak [94 kg], who managed to beat the Slovenian Benjamin Lah [11-9] in the semi-final. He did not have to fight in the final battle, because the Iranian Mohsen Hamid Aghchay was injured. Rafał Riss [+94 kg] had less luck in the final, because he lost to Alexander Fromage from France 5-7. Emilia Maćkowiak stood on the lowest step of the podium after winning against Laurence Lalande from France 6-2. In the team competition it was gold for the Germans, silver for the Russians, and bronze for Poland. Looking at the medal tally just for Jiu-Jitsu, the French fighters were the best, grabbing three gold and three silver medals. But Poland shared second place with Germany [2/2/3], winning seven medals at the GEM Complex.



The Czech team at The World Games had chartered a boat on the Odra. There the athletes celebrated their successes with their fans. On Saturday evening there were great cheers for the Inline Hockey players. They won the final at the Sports and Recreation Centre in Swidnica 5-1 against France. Bronze went to Switzerland [4-3 against Canada]. For the first time since The World Games 1989 in Karlsruhe, Germany, the teams from overseas failed to get a medal.







The Tug-of-War competition was extremely exciting. Among the women [540 kg], the Chinese Taipei team turned out to be the most skillful, defeating the People's Republic of China in the final. The squad from Chinese Taipei went as reigning champions into this indoor event. Bronze went to South Africa. In the men's competition to 700 kg, this time outdoor, the Swiss were unrivalled.







Sometimes 'prejudices' simply coincide with reality. Brazil and Beach Handball simply belong together. And it's true: the Brazilian men won gold at The World Games for the third time in a row. At the beach in Wrocław the favourites won 2-1 against Croatia. The Croatians had won the first half, and Brazil won the second round. The shout-out was won by the defending champions. The Brazilian women - also winners in 2013 - won 2-0 against Argentina.







30 July 2017, Final Competition Day

Thank you, Wrocław

The last day of the competition was a very busy one in the GEM Complex. Eleven decisions were on the agenda in MuayyThai. The sport is also known as Thai Boxing, because the sport is very popular in Thailand and is taught in schools. The world federation has its headquarters in Bangkok. Thailand won two gold medals and one silver medal on the final day, but was still not the most successful nation: Igor Liubchenko [63.5 kg], Serhii Kuliaba [67 kg] and Oleh Pyrimachov [91 kg] secured three titles for Ukraine. Vasyl Sorokin won silver [75 kg] three times. Sofia Olofsson, The World Games Athlete of the Year in 2016, was also entered in the list of champions. She won the Women's 54 kg final against the Russian Valeriza Droydova. Vietnam's Bui Yen Li became the very first gold medalist ever in this new and exciting sport on the programme of The World Games. In total, the representatives of 13 countries received medals.

In the meantime, next to this site, the competitors were fighting but in the water, and the fans of Canoe Polo could listen to the German national anthem twice. The heat was unmerciful, but the fans were not allowed to jump into the water. After the morning women's semi-final in which the Germans beat the world champions from New Zealand 6-1, the players together with the coach decided to look for an air-conditioned room and wait for the final there. They found it next to the Press Office, located on the first floor of the indoor swimming pool. Their final opponents France advanced after winning against Italy 4-3 [golden goal in extra time], and rested on the ground floor, without air-conditioning. In the match for gold, the Germans beat the French 5-0 [in the group they lost 3-4 to them] and defended their title from Cali. The Italians fished bronze out of the pool. In the men's final, Germany did not give Italy a chance (4-1), and on the third step of the podium we could see the Spaniards. IWGA President José Perurena used the opportunity to show his appreciation of the media coverage. "Let me give an example. Canoe Polo, one of the disciplines in our federation, has taken place since Friday. I cannot read all the emails of the people who have written saying that they have stayed tuned to the competition. And the media coverage of The World Games makes this possible."









On the Marsowe Fields the Swiss, the dominant nation in Tug of War, lost [cat. 640 kg] to the British. The British took revenge for the final four years ago. In Cali, the Swiss had won the battle of the strong men. Here, the third pull lasted no longer than 91 seconds. The eight men from Great Britain rushed to gold, unimpressed by the support of the Swiss fans. Bronze went to the Germans, who defeated the Swedes.





Two other team sports had their finals on the last day of The World Games. First, the USA won the Lacrosse gold medal by beating Canada 11-8: a victory with advertising effect for The World Games 2021 in Birmingham, Alabama. In the USA, Lacrosse is very popular. This is very different in Poland, which was unfortunately evident from the results: the hosts lost 20-0 to the USA, 23-0 to Australia and 19-1 to Japan, Agnieszka Kosmala scoring the only goal for Poland.

In Floorball, the historic first-ever official The World Games Floorball final was played between Sweden and Switzerland. Switzerland had never beaten Sweden in an important match. And there was no change on this Sunday either. Sweden won 7-5 and set another historic moment: the first gold medal in Floorball as an official sport at The World Games. Finland, after losing to Switzerland in the semi-final, won bronze after beating the Czech Republic 2-0.



The last of the 222 gold medals of The World Games 2017 were awarded in Billiards. At 5.30 p.m., shortly before the Closing Ceremony, the audience heard the national anthems of Great Britain, Spain and China. Kyren Wilson [GBR] won the Snooker Mixed final. Daniel Sanchez [ESP] celebrated his victory in the Men's Carom Three Cushion final, and Siming Chen [CHN] won the Women's Pool final. Luckily, all the athletes made it from the Wrocław Congress Centre at the Centennial Hall to the square in front of the National Forum of Music where the Closing Ceremony took place.





In the evening, at 9 p.m., the Closing Ceremony began at the Freedom Square. The athletes said goodbye to the fans, and the representatives of the host city of the next edition of The World Games – Birmingham in the American state of Alabama – received the IWGA flag from Wrocław to keep until 2021. The President of the International World Games Association José Perurena, the Mayor of Birmingham William Bell, and the Mayor of Wrocław Rafał Dutkiewicz made their speeches, and the flag descended the mast and was handed over to the guests at exactly 9.50 p.m. After the official part of the ceremony it was time to party, and to celebrate ten awesome days of great sportsmanship and inspiring atmosphere.





“It was a time of extraordinary emotions and beautiful competitions, with thousands of athletes from around the world. The residents have shown once again that Wrocław is a unique meeting place. Loud support was heard in all The World Games 2017 arenas, and the fan zone was filled every day. Special thanks go to the thousands of volunteers who put a lot of heart into the organisation of this event,” said the Mayor of Wrocław Rafał Dutkiewicz. The athletes answered: “Thank you, Wrocław.”





It should be added that one of the elements of the final spectacle was the performance by the biggest 'big band' in Europe – the international Rebel Babel Ensemble. Conducted by Łukasz L.U.C Rostkowski, the musicians presented to the viewers a unique audio-visual show based on energetic rhythms played by wind instruments. They were accompanied by Wrocław soloists: Ania Kłys, Natalia Lubrano, Girls on Fire, Mesajah, and Nullo. In addition to the original compositions, they also performed songs composed by Jan Feat – the co-founder of the Rebel Babel band.

Many wonderful facilities will remain for the residents after The World Games in the capital of Lower Silesia: the renovated Olympic Stadium, the roller-skating track in the Millennium Park and the swimming pool complex on Wejherowska Street. The facilities were praised many times by the President of the IWGA, José Perurena. "I am very pleased with The World Games 2017. The organisers did a great job, the sports facilities were of a high standard, and all the participants will remember Wrocław as a friendly, hospitable and open-minded city."



Rank	Name	NOC	Number of medals				Rank by Total
			G	S	B	Total	
1	ARIAS Fabriana	COL	3	2	0	5	2
2	AVERINA Arina	RUS	3	0	1	4	3
3	MUSSO Jacopo	ITA	3	0	0	3	8
3	ZHURMAN Dmitrii	RUS	3	0	0	3	8
5	ALBRECHT Simon	GER	2	1	0	3	8
5	MIKHAYLUSHKINA Ekaterina	RUS	2	1	0	3	8
5	SWINGS Bart	BEL	2	1	0	3	8
5	WEYDERS Justine	FRA	2	1	0	3	8
9	KABANOV Pavel	RUS	2	0	1	3	8
9	WIECK Danny	GER	2	0	1	3	8
11	ALM Maja	DEN	2	0	0	2	25
11	AMJAHID Amal	BEL	2	0	0	2	25
11	ATTENBERGER Theresa	GER	2	0	0	2	25
11	BARANOVSKAYA Valeriya	RUS	2	0	0	2	25
11	BERDNIKAVA Natallia	BLR	2	0	0	2	25
11	HANSEN Stephan	DEN	2	0	0	2	25
11	LUCARONI Luca	ITA	2	0	0	2	25
11	Margiev Vasillii	RUS	2	0	0	2	25
11	MESCHIARI Silvia	ITA	2	0	0	2	25
11	Poliakova Anna	RUS	2	0	0	2	25
11	SANNA Daniele	ITA	2	0	0	2	25
11	SENANSZKY Petra	HUN	2	0	0	2	25
23	TAS Sandrine	BEL	1	4	1	6	1
24	AVERINA Dina	RUS	1	3	0	4	3
25	HENDRY Pamela	AUS	1	2	1	4	3
26	GILARDI Federico	ITA	1	2	0	3	8
27	LEHR Kevin	GER	1	1	2	4	3
28	KYBURZ Matthias	SUI	1	1	1	3	8
28	WOODWARD Bradley	AUS	1	1	1	3	8
28	WU Huimin	CHN	1	1	1	3	8
31	ALKETBI Faisal	UAE	1	1	0	2	25
31	Altyev Batyr	RUS	1	1	0	2	25

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31	ARNOLD Vinzenz	SUI	1	1	0	2	25
31	BOROK Ilia	RUS	1	1	0	2	25
31	CHAIUN Danil	RUS	1	1	0	2	25
31	ERNI Peter	SUI	1	1	0	2	25
31	FUEANGSANIT Nantawan	THA	1	1	0	2	25
31	JIMENEZ Andres Mauricio	COL	1	1	0	2	25
31	JOLLER Erich	SUI	1	1	0	2	25
31	KNEBL Andreas Stefan	GER	1	1	0	2	25
31	KRAUSE Stefan	SUI	1	1	0	2	25
31	LI Lingxiao	CHN	1	1	0	2	25
31	MA Dong	CHN	1	1	0	2	25
31	PAN Lixi	CHN	1	1	0	2	25
31	PASZKIEWICZ Julia	GER	1	1	0	2	25
31	PERLING Joshua	GER	1	1	0	2	25
31	PIRODDI Andrea Vittorio	ITA	1	1	0	2	25
31	ROLLI Christoph	SUI	1	1	0	2	25
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31	SZUCS Kristof	HUN	1	1	0	2	25
31	TOURBESLIS Johannes	GER	1	1	0	2	25
53	LE PIVERT Gwendal	FRA	1	0	2	3	8
53	THUM Mareike	GER	1	0	2	3	8
55	APOLONOV Roman	GER	1	0	1	2	25
55	BAUER Sophia	GER	1	0	1	2	25
55	BER Anna	RUS	1	0	1	2	25
55	BIRN Blanca	GER	1	0	1	2	25
55	BOURRIAUD Caroline	FRA	1	0	1	2	25
55	DE SOUZA Elton	FRA	1	0	1	2	25
55	ERTEL Christian	GER	1	0	1	2	25
55	FABRE Margaux	FRA	1	0	1	2	25
55	GAVRILOV Dmitry	BLR	1	0	1	2	25
55	GUERRERO Clara	COL	1	0	1	2	25

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55	HOUMINE Seif Eddine	MAR	1	0	1	2	25
55	JANG Ye Sol	KOR	1	0	1	2	25
55	KOKOREV Dmitrii	RUS	1	0	1	2	25
55	LANGE Kerstin	GER	1	0	1	2	25
55	LOSKA Jędrzej	POL	1	0	1	2	25
55	LUSTER Jessica	GER	1	0	1	2	25
55	MURPHY Ian	GBR	1	0	1	2	25
55	MURPHY James	GBR	1	0	1	2	25
55	NEUPERT Carina	GER	1	0	1	2	25
55	PRIME Steven	GBR	1	0	1	2	25
55	RIZZI Diego	ITA	1	0	1	2	25
55	STURM Annalena	GER	1	0	1	2	25
55	SZEWCZAK Tomasz	POL	1	0	1	2	25
55	VIVEROS Johana	COL	1	0	1	2	25
55	WEBB John	GBR	1	0	1	2	25
80	JONES Mariah	AUS	0	3	1	4	3
81	DAVIES Prue	AUS	0	3	0	3	8
82	POSCHART Max	GER	0	2	1	3	8
83	BELOV Denis	RUS	0	2	0	2	25
83	CHEN Ying-Chu	TPE	0	2	0	2	25
83	DUBIEL Adam	POL	0	2	0	2	25
83	HOWALD Florian	SUI	0	2	0	2	25
83	KEPA Cezary	POL	0	2	0	2	25
83	KORZHAVYKH Pavel	RUS	0	2	0	2	25
83	KOTOWSKI Wojciech	POL	0	2	0	2	25
83	KULICK Kelly	USA	0	2	0	2	25
83	LUCINE Clementine	FRA	0	2	0	2	25
83	NIERO Daniel	ITA	0	2	0	2	25
83	ROOS Elena	SUI	0	2	0	2	25
83	RUIZ Ildemaro	VEN	0	2	0	2	25
83	SANGKAEW Thanakorn	THA	0	2	0	2	25
83	VIVIESCAS ORTIZ Jairo Alejandro	COL	0	2	0	2	25

Rank	Name	NOC	Number of medals				Rank by Total
			G	S	B	Total	
83	WOOD Rachel	AUS	0	2	0	2	25
98	HEGYI Dora	HUN	0	1	2	3	8
99	AN Yi Seul	KOR	0	1	1	2	25
99	ASHRAM Linoy	ISR	0	1	1	2	25
99	BALI Daniel	HUN	0	1	1	2	25
99	BAO Xueyi	CHN	0	1	1	2	25
99	BARNA Dacian	ROU	0	1	1	2	25
99	BELL Samuel	AUS	0	1	1	2	25
99	BOGATI Andreea	ROU	0	1	1	2	25
99	DAI Xiaodie	CHN	0	1	1	2	25
99	Davydko Olga	RUS	0	1	1	2	25
99	GEMPERLE Natalia	RUS	0	1	1	2	25
99	GUSEINOV Abdulbari	RUS	0	1	1	2	25
99	GUZMAN Jhoan	VEN	0	1	1	2	25
99	HAUSWIRTH Sabine	SUI	0	1	1	2	25
99	HU Yifan	CHN	0	1	1	2	25
99	JAROLIM Jakub	CZE	0	1	1	2	25
99	KIM Bo Kyung	KOR	0	1	1	2	25
99	KIM Gain	KOR	0	1	1	2	25
99	LAUSCHUS Max	GER	0	1	1	2	25
99	TCHORZ Alicja	POL	0	1	1	2	25
99	VARGA Krisztina	HUN	0	1	1	2	25
99	VOLPINI Federica	ITA	0	1	1	2	25
120	ANTONIAK Anastasiia	UKR	0	0	2	2	25
120	FARKAS Balazs Albert	HUN	0	0	2	2	25
120	HALKINA Katsiaryna	BLR	0	0	2	2	25
120	KOZAK Maciej	POL	0	0	2	2	25
120	MACKOWIAK Emilia	POL	0	0	2	2	25
120	MAZACS Fanni	HUN	0	0	2	2	25
120	PEULA Patxi	ESP	0	0	2	2	25
120	SZOLLOSI Panna	HUN	0	0	2	2	25

MEDAL TABLE

1	Russia	28	21	14	63	1	17	Switzerland	3	8	3	14	12
2	Germany	17	10	14	41	3	18	Korea	3	6	3	12	16
3	Italy	16	13	13	42	3	19	Australia	3	5	6	14	12
4	France	14	14	15	43	2	20	Thailand	3	5	2	10	21
5	Ukraine	10	7	8	25	5	21	Spain	3	4	7	14	12
6	Colombia	9	10	2	21	9	22	Great Britain	3	4	4	11	17
7	Japan	9	6	7	22	7	23	Argentina	3	1	2	6	25
8	China	8	7	5	20	10	24	Iran	2	8	1	11	17
9	Belgium	7	9	8	24	6	25	Holland	2	2	2	6	25
10	USA	6	11	5	22	7	26	Czech Republic	2	1	4	7	24
11	Hungary	6	4	4	14	12	27	Austria	2	1	2	5	32
12	Denmark	6	—	—	6	25	28	Chinese Taipei	1	4	3	8	22
13	Poland	5	6	9	20	10	29	Canada	1	3	2	6	25
14	Belarus	4	2	5	11	17	30	Mexico	1	1	3	5	32
	Sweden	4	2	5	11	17	31	Chile	1	1	2	4	34
16	Brazil	4	2	2	8	22	32	Mongolia	1	1	1	3	36

	UAE	1	1	1	3	36								
34	Azerbaijan	1	1	—	2	43	49	Finland	—	1	2	3	36	
35	Turkey	1	—	3	4	34		50	Hong Kong	—	1	1	2	43
36	Kazachstan	1	—	2	3	36			Romania	—	1	1	2	43
37	Morocco	1	—	1	2	43		52	Greece	—	1	—	1	49
	Peru	1	—	1	2	43			Jordan	—	1	—	1	49
39	Algeria	1	—	—	1	49			San Marino	—	1	—	1	49
	Moldova	1	—	—	1	49		55	Portugal	—	—	3	3	36
	Philippines	1	—	—	1	49		56	New Zealand	—	2	2	4	43
	Serbia	1	—	—	1	49		57	Dominican Rep.	—	—	1	1	49
	Vietnam	1	—	—	1	49			Lithuania	—	—	1	1	49
44	Slovenia	—	4	2	6	25			Malaysia	—	—	1	1	49
45	Venezuela	—	3	3	6	25			Montenegro	—	—	1	1	49
46	Croatia	—	2	1	3	36			Qatar	—	—	1	1	49
	Egypt	—	2	1	3	36			South Africa	—	—	1	1	49
48	Israel	—	1	5	6	25			Slovakia	—	—	1	1	49

From the left: country, gold medals, silver, bronze, total. In total, 597 medals [199 sets] were awarded.
As of 31/07/2017.

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1,600

volunteers

240,000

participants in the arenas and in the fan zone

26 sport arenas

in Wrocław, Świdnica, Trzebnica,
Jelcz-Laskowice, and Szymanów

10 days

of sports competition

3,245 competitors

from 112 countries around the world

31 sports

27 official sports
+ 4 invitational sports

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115 countries
around the world

Audience in Poland
over 25 million viewers
in front of TV sets

Over 400 hours
of live broadcast on various
Polsat TV channels

Total coverage of
420 million viewers
around the world

1300 accredited
media representatives journalists
from 50 countries

The most represented nations:
Poles, Czechs, Chinese, Japanese,
Dutch, Ukrainians and Americans

222 sets of medals
201 official sports
+ 21 invitational sports

100% of tickets
sold e.g. for: Speedway, Dance Sports,
Canoe Polo, Ju-Jitsu, Karate, Orienteering,
Powerlifting, Tug of War, Gymnastics and Lifesaving

WORLD RECORDS

Finswimming, Women's Bi Fins 50 m

Petra Senanzsky [Hungary], 20.52 sec.

Finswimming, Women's Bi Fins 100 m

Petra Senanzsky [Hungary], 45.16 sec.

Finswimming, Women's Surface 200 m

Waleria Baranowska [Russia], 1: 25.41 sec.

Finswimming, Men's Surface 4×100m Relay

Russia [Pawel Kabanov, Alexey Kazancev, Dmitri Kokoriev, Dmitri Zurman], 2:16.54 sec

Lifesaving, Men's 50m Manikin Carry

Danny Wieck [Germany], 27.27 sec.

Lifesaving, Men's 100m Manikin Tow with Fins

Jacopo Musso [Italy], 49.02 sec.

Lifesaving, Women's 100 m Manikin Tow with Fins

Justine Weyders [France], 57.18 sec.

Lifesaving, Men's Team 4×25m relay Manikin Relay

Germany [Christian Ertel, Kevin Lehr, Joshua Perling, Danny Wieck], 1:04.04 sec.

Lifesaving, Women's Team 4×25m Manikin Relay

Belgium [Sofie Boogaerts, Aurelie Romanini, Nele Vanbuel, Bieke Vandenaebeye], 1:19.69 sec.

Lifesaving, 4×50 m Men's Team 4×50m Obstacle Relay

Japan [Hirano Naoya, Keisuke Hatano, Shun Nishiyama, Suguru Ando], 1:36.62 seconds

Boules Sport, Precision Shooting

Diego Rizzi [Italy], 67 points

Powerlifting, Men's Heavy category

Sergii Biłyj [Ukraine], 1080.0 kg [407.5 kg + 297.5 kg + 375.0 kg], 662.47 points

Powerlifting, Women's Super Heavyweight category

Bonica Lough [USA], 763.0 kg [310.5 kg + 205.0 kg + 247.5 kg], 600.71 points

Powerlifting, Men's Super Heavyweight category

Krzysztof Wierzbicki [Poland], 420.0 kg deadlift

Indoor Rowing, Women's Openweight

Olena Buriak [Ukraine], 2,000 m, 6:22.8 sec.

Indoor Rowing, Women's Openweight

Olena Buriak [Ukraine], 500 m, 1:24.5 sec.

Sport Climbing, Women's speed

Julia Kaplina [Russia], 7.32 sec



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