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Yusra Mardini, Syrian refugee athlete putting on her goggles.
Yusra Mardini diving into the pool
Yusra Mardini swimming

SOUNDBYTE: Yusra Mardini, Syrian refugee athlete.
Q. Why are you inspired to try to qualify for the Olympics? (English Language)
“When you have a problem in your life that doesn’t mean you have to sit around and cry like babies or something. It’s not exactly like babies because it was tough, it was really hard for everyone and I don’t blame anyone if they cry but sometimes you just have to move on from the problem and it might be the problem that will bring you everything like me. The problem was the reason I am here and why I am stronger and I want to reach my goals.”

Yusra Mardini celebrating the time she achieved.
Underwater camera of Yusra Mardini swimming

SOUNDBYTE: Yusra Mardini, Syrian refugee athlete.
Q. Did the conflict in Syria effect your training? (English Language)
“Sometimes we couldn’t train because of the war. Or sometimes you had training but there was a bomb in the swimming pool. You can see like the roof has three or four places open. There was a lot of players that died in a bomb attack in the soccer team.”

Underwater camera of Yusra Mardini swimming
SOUNDBYTE: Yusra Mardini, Syrian refugee athlete.
Q. How does being a refugee make you feel? (English Language)
“Being a refugee? Actually my sister always when she wants to encourage me says “show them the refugee what she will do!” So I think no not at all I am really proud that I am.”

Yusra Mardini doing a turn in the pool.
Yusra Mardini swimming towards camera.
Tracking shot of Yusra Mardini swimming.
Yusra Mardini finishing a training race.

SOUNDBYTE: Yusra Mardini, Syrian refugee athlete.
Q. Is it just you against yourself when you are in the water? (English Language)
“I think so because in the water here is no difference if you are a refugee and Syrian or a German. In the water there is just you, the water, and your competition. So I don't think that it is a problem.”

Tracking shot of Yusra Mardini swimming.
Underwater shot of Yusra Mardini swimming.
Yusra Mardini climbing out of the pool.
Yusra Mardini looking at video of her swimming with German coach Sven Spannekrebs.
German coach Sven Spannekrebs watching Yusra swim.

SOUNDBYTE: Sven Spannekrebs, Swimming Coach
Q. What must Yusra work hardest at in the pool and out of the pool if she is to qualify for this year's Olympic Games? (English Language)
“In the pool she needs to get better in the aerobic foundation and in the power foundation then we have to work for the technical foundation which is really good we just have to stabilise it and outside of the pool she just has to be like she is.”

Wide shot of Wasserfreunde Spandau 04 training session at the pool which was originally built for the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.
Yusra Mardini outside the Wasserfreunde Spandau 04 swimming club.
Yusra Mardini outside the Olympic Stadium in Berlin.

SOUNDBYTE: Yusra Mardini, Syrian refugee athlete.
Q. You are inspiring other young people by what you are trying to achieve is that Important to you? (English Language)
“It feels great actually to inspire a lot of people and to go for your own dream too. Which is my dream for 10 or 12 years. I think that everyone is excited because they want to see what I’m going to do, and me too actually.”

Yusra Mardini in her school classroom.

IOC President Thomas Bach announces Team of Refugee Olympic Athletes (ROA) for Rio 2016 Games. Lausanne, Switzerland. 2.3.2016

SOUNDBYTE: IOC President Thomas Bach
“Today I am happy to announce the creation of the Olympic Team of Refugee Athletes (ROA). The IOC today has officially launched this team of Refugee Olympic Athletes. This team will be treated at the Olympic Games like all the other teams of National Olympic Committees. This team will enjoy all the privileges like the other teams and athletes. By welcoming the team of refugee Olympic athletes to the Olympic Games Rio 2016 we want to send a message of hope for all refugees of the world. These refugee athletes have no National team to belong to, they have no flag to march behind, they have no National anthem to be played, therefore we will welcome the refugee athletes to the Olympic Games with the Olympic flag and with the Olympic anthem. They will have a home together will all the other eleven thousand athletes from two hundred and six National Olympic Committees in the Olympic village.”

IOC President Thomas Bach & United Nations Special Envoy for Youth Refugees & Sport Jacques Rogge visiting a refugee camp in Athens. 28.1.2016

SOUNDBYTE: IOC President Thomas Bach
“I think we are all touched and moved by the magnitude of the current worldwide refugee crisis. This is why we have started to identify refugee athletes who could potentially qualify for the Olympic Games and I am
pleased to inform you that today we have 43 promising athletes identified who we now assist with our programs of Olympic solidarity.

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VIDEO CLIP: EXTRA SOUNDBYTES: Yusra Mardini (English & Arabic Languages) Sven Spannekrebs, Swimming Coach 17.3.2016 (English & German Languages)

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