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STORY HEADLINE: “FIFO” SCORES ALL FOUR GOALS AS PORTUGAL CLAIM WOMEN’S FUTSAL GOLD WITH EMPHATIC VICTORY OVER JAPAN AT YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

Portugal claimed women’s Futsal gold at Buenos Aires 2018 with an emphatic 4-1 win over Japan.

The match was a repeat of the Group D meeting that Portugal won 2-0 on Saturday, but Japan found themselves a goal down after just eight seconds following a stunning strike from Ana Sofia Goncalves, known as ‘Fifo’.

Fifo notched six goals in the semi-final and was on the goal hunt once again, completing a first half hat-trick with two further strikes to make it 3-0 at the break.

After the restart the unplayable Fifo made it 4-0 less than two minutes into the second half, before Yikako Yamawaka immediately responded. However, it only proved to act as a consolation as Japan couldn’t further reduce the deficit to hand Portugal gold.

In the bronze medal match, Spain and Bolivia played out a rematch of the group stage encounter which the Spanish once again dominated to finish up 11-0 winners and claim the final podium spot.

Buenos Aires 2018 is the third edition of the Summer Youth Olympic Games (YOG) to be held, bringing together the world’s best young athletes between the ages of 15 and 18. For the first time in Olympic history the Games will have gender equality, with equal numbers of males and females competing in the 32-sport programme.

Almost 4,000 athletes from 206 National Olympic Committees will be competing for 1,250 medals. The Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 feature new sports and many new disciplines and events, reflecting the passions of the ‘Game Changers’, a new generation of athletes and fans.
The event offers a glimpse into the future of the Games as the new programme will introduce several innovations that will be replicated at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

The first Summer Youth Olympic Games took place in Singapore in 2010. The second edition was held in the Chinese city of Nanjing in 2014.

SHOTLIST:

00:04 Multiple action shots of Women’s Futsal Final
00:24 Shot of Portuguese team celebrating after the match
00:43 Shot of Portuguese team being awarded their Gold medal

00:50 SOUNDBITE: Ana Sofia Goncalves, Portugal, Women’s Futsal (Portuguese Language)
"As expectativas são sempre cada vez mais elevadas. De tudo que nós entramos é pra ganhar. Temos uma equipa muito nova, mas com muita qualidade. Estamos três anos a trabalhar juntas. Trabalhamos para isto, e felizmente conseguimos chegar aqui e conseguimos sair vitoriosas."

The expectations are ever higher. We always are to win. We have a very young team, but very skilled. We’ve been working together for three years. We've worked toward this and, fortunately, we've been able to come all this way and be victorious.

01:05 Portuguese team singing the national anthem

01:13 SOUNDBITE: Beatriz Silva, Portugal, Women’s Futsal (Portuguese Language)
"Isto é um avanço para o futsal português. Nós só demos a entrada para o futsal português começar a fazer parte dos Jogos Olímpicos."

This is a breakthrough for Portuguese futsal. We've just opened the way for the Portuguese team to compete in the Olympics.

01:20 Wide shot of the Portuguese team on the podium

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