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STORY HEADLINE: BRAZIL BEAT RUSSIA 3-1 TO WIN THE MEN’S FUTSAL GOLD MEDAL AT THE YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018.

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STORY SCRIPT:

The final of the men’s futsal at the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires took place on Thursday (18th October) with Brazil taking on Russia.

Russia had beaten Egypt 3-1 in their semi-final on Monday (13th October) while Brazil had edged past the host nation 3-2, to book their place in the gold medal match.

Russia suffered an unfortunate start to the match with Danil Karpuik scoring an own goal inside the opening two minutes.

That handed the initiative immediately to Brazil but despite dominating much of the first half, they were unable to score again. Brazil lead by just 1 goal to nil at the break.

As the second half got underway, Brazil scored twice to put them firmly in control of the match.

The first came from Breno Bertoline-Dengal, scored off an assist from Guilherme Borges-Sanches. It was Dengal’s fifth goal of the tournament. Then Matheus Moura-Batista found the back of the net to take the score to 3-0.

Danil Samusenko scored for Russia with 90 seconds of the match remaining, but any slender hopes of a recovery were ended when goalkeeper Francoar de Oliveira-Rodrigues claimed another for Brazil in the final minute of the match. Final score Brazil 3-1 Russia.

Gold to Brazil, Silver to Russia, Bronze went to Egypt who edged past Argentina 5-4 earlier in the day.

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.

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01:04 Brazil receive their Gold medals
01:09 Wide shot of the Youth Olympic Champions on the podium

01:14 SOUNDBITE: Matheus Moura Batista, Men’s Futsal Champion (Portuguese Language)

"Essa medalha é uma coisa única na nossa vida. Como a gente sabe, todo mundo, a gente não tem essa oportunidade toda vez. Essa oportunidade é única, e graças a Deus a gente conseguiu."

This medal is a unique thing in our life. As everyone knows, an opportunity like this doesn't come around often. It's a unique opportunity and thank God we made it.

01:25 The Brazilian Team dance on the podium

01:30 SOUNDBITE: Guilherme Henrique Borges Sanches, Men’s Futsal Champion (Portuguese Language)

"Um dos melhores momentos da minha carreira, né -- campeão olímpico. E agora, graças a Deus, vou comemorar bastante e rumo ao Brasil agora!"

This is one of the best moments in my career - Olympic champion. Thank God, now I'm going to celebrate and head back to Brazil!

01:42 Shots of the team posing with Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games mascot Pandi
01:45 SOUNDBITE: Wesley Reinaldo Santos de Franca, Men’s Futsal Champion (Portuguese Language)

“Bom, não tem segredo: é trabalho. Trabalho, trabalho e trabalho, e o resultado a gente faz dentro de quadra.”

There's no secret: it's just work! Work, work, work and we get the results on the court.

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