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STORY HEADLINE: Brazilian bobsleighter Gustavo Ferreira looks to defy the odds at Youth Winter Olympic Games (YOG) Lausanne 2020

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STORY SCRIPT:

While Brazil might be famous for football and fiesta, you rarely hear them mentioned in terms of winter sports.

But not only have they competed in all three of the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG), but they have sent their biggest team yet - 12 athletes - to Lausanne 2020.

Their best, if unlikely, medal hope is bobsleighter Gustavo Ferreira.

The 17-year-old was hand-picked for the selection process on account of his athletic ability (he is a 100m sprinter), a tactic that several successful sliding sports nations have been using for some time.

While he might only have taken up the sport 18 months ago, and has to deal with the challenges associated with only being able to train fully when either in the United States or Europe, Ferreira is making impressive strides already.

Over the course of the eight training runs on the world famous Olympia Bobrun in St Moritz, he has finished as high as the seventh fastest out of the 18 competitors - no mean feat given how much experience some of them can boast.

With racing set to get underway on Monday, Ferreira simply hopes to do himself - and his country - justice on the most famous sliding track of them all.

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: Olympia Bobrun, St Moritz, Switzerland.

00:05 Various scenic shots of St Moritz

00:09 Lausanne 2020 signs

00:14 Wide shot of the start of the bobsleigh track

00:20 Gustavo Ferreira at the start of the track

00:26 SOUNDBITE: Gustavo Ferreira, Team Brazil (Portuguese Language) [on how he got into the sport]

"I joined a selection process for the bobsleigh team without knowing. Then, the results came out and I was selected."

00:37 Various shots of Ferreira at the start of the run

00:44 SOUNDBITE: Gustavo Ferreira, Team Brazil (Portuguese Language) [on his experience in St Moritz]

"It's been very good and I am learning more everyday."

00:49 Ferreira at the start

00:54 SOUNDBITE: Gustavo Ferreira, Team Brazil (Portuguese Language) [on his hopes of doing well in these Games]

"Everything is fine. I need to stay focussed and focus on the race only."

01:01 Ferreira starts his run

01:13 SOUNDBITE: Gustavo Ferreira, Team Brazil (Portuguese Language) [on how and where he trains]

"I train for the 100 metres in athletics which helps with the bobsleigh push but I can only do the track driving when I am in here (in Europe)."



01:23 Ferreira talking with coach

01:33 SOUNDBITE: Gustavo Ferreira, Team Brazil (Portuguese Language) [on his training in Brazil]

"I just practice the bobsleigh push and the physical part."

01:41 Ferreira with coaches

01:50 SOUNDBITE: Gustavo Ferreira, Team Brazil (Portuguese Language) [on representing Brazil at the YOG]

"I feel very honoured and I'm very proud to be part of Team Brazil."

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