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STORY HEADLINE: Royal seal of approval for French Bobsleighter Camila Copain as Prince Albert of Monaco watches her in action at Winter Youth Olympic Games Lausanne 2020

LOCATION: Olympia Bobrun, St Moritz, Switzerland

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LANGUAGE: French

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STORY SCRIPT:

French bobsleighter Camila Copain certainly has a bright future ahead of her.

The 15-year-old, who hails from Albertville, only took up the bobsleigh two seasons ago - seeking to replicate the speed and adrenaline that she enjoys so much from skiing - and on Sunday (January 19) finished an impressive fifth in the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) final in St Moritz.

Copain even received some tips from a Royal supporter. Prince Albert of Monaco, who competed for Monaco in the bobsleigh in five consecutive Winter Olympics between 1992 and 2006, was at the world famous Olympia Bobrun to lend his support to the French team.

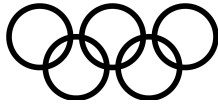
Copain was 0.46 seconds faster in her second run than her first - and enjoyed the third fastest start of the field in both runs - but ultimately it wasn't enough for a place on the podium.

Romanian Georgeta Popescu, who had dominated the training runs throughout the week, won in a combined time of 2.26:84 with Copain 1.26 seconds down on that.

But as the second youngest in the field - and the youngest to finish in the top five - there is plenty of reason for Copain to be optimistic.

French flag bearer in the opening ceremony, she will now target not only the 2022 Winter Olympics, but 2026 and beyond.

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.

00:00 Various scenic shots of St Moritz

00:12 Mascot and volunteer at the start of the women's bobsleigh final

00:15 Fans of various countries

00:19 Camila Copain ahead of her first run

00:24 Copain at the start

00:29 SOUNDBITE: Camila Copain, Team France, bobsleigh (French Language) (on other sports that she competes in)

"I do horse riding and I ski in a club. I love the speed in skiing and I was looking for that in the bobsleigh. The speed, the adrenaline."

00:41 Copain at the start

00:47 Copain visualising her run

00:56 SOUNDBITE: Camila Copain, Team France, bobsleigh (French Language) (on what disciplines other sports have taught her that help with bobsleigh)

"Yes concentration. Memorising the path. In the bobsleigh, we have to memorise every curve, like in skiing we have to memorise the run."

01:09 Copain in the start gate

01:12 Copain starts her run

01:22 SOUNDBITE: Camila Copain, Team France, bobsleigh (French Language) (on other sports that she competes in)

"I said to myself, 'just because I'm the youngest athlete, doesn't mean that I am the worst,' and because of that, I wanted a good result."

01:39 Copain and her coach talking with Prince Albert of Monaco

01:45 Copain and Prince Albert

01:52 SOUNDBITE: Camila Copain, Team France, bobsleigh (French Language) (on other sports that she competes in)

"Yes it is true. For a young girl like me of 15-years-old, I have some time. All I have to do is practice and we will see."

02:04 Copain ahead of her second run

02:13 Copain starts her second run

02:24 Copain with her coach after the second run

02:37 SOUNDBITE: Camila Copain, Team France, bobsleigh (French Language) (on other sports that she competes in)



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"Yes I'm sad, but I'm also happy to be here. There is not only disappointment. I was the youngest of the top five, so I'm happy and I love this track despite my fifth place which is still a good place."

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