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STORY HEADLINE: Russia dominate Figure Skating Pairs at the Winter Youth Olympics Lausanne 2020.

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STORY SCRIPT:

Russian couples won gold and silver in the Figure Skating Pairs at the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in the Lausanne Skating Arena.

16-year old Apollinaria Panfilova and 18-year-old Dmitry Rylov finished first in the short programme completed on Friday, delivering a score of 71.74, over eleven points clear of their Russian teammates in second. The pair continued their dominance in Free Skating by performing three triple throws flawlessly on their way to a comprehensive victory with a grand total score of 199.21, just missing out on the 200 point mark.

Just behind them, with a respectable score of 175.42 were Russian compatriots Diana Mukhametzianova and Ilya Mironov. Georgia’s Alina Butaeva and Luka Berulava put on a polished display to win bronze with 157.29.

Skating to music from the soundtrack of the ‘Third Person’, Panfilova and Rylov combined strength, balance and impressive technical ability to take Gold. The Russian pair, undefeated this season add the Winter Youth Olympic Games gold to their fast growing list Figure Skating titles.

Lausanne 2020 is the third edition of the Winter Youth Olympic Games (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 (China), 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, Ice Hockey Mixed NOC 3x3 Tournament, Freeski Big Air, Snowboard Big Air.
The first Winter Youth Olympic Games took place in Innsbruck in 2012. The second edition was held in the Norwegian city of Lillehammer in 2016.

**SHOTLIST:**

00:05 General shots of Gold medalists Apollinariia Panfilova and Dmitry Rylov in the Figure Skating Pairs final
01:06 Apollinariia Panfilova and Dmitry Rylov’s reaction to their score

**01:43 SOUND BITE:** Dmitry Rylov, Pair Skating Champion (Russian Language).
“I think it was harmonious. As I see it. It was a big plus that we managed to handle our nerves because this is what we needed to do after our not very successful start.”

02:01 Slow motion shot of Apollinariia Panfilova and Dmitry Rylov during the final

**02:09 SOUND BITE:** Dmitry Rylov, Pair Skating Champion (Russian Language).
“If we look at all the competitions that took place before, perhaps this one emotionally was the easiest one in terms of atmosphere. Because the atmosphere here is very happy and friendly.”

02:31 Slow motion shot of Apollinariia Panfilova and Dmitry Rylov during the final

**02:36 SOUND BITE:** Apollinariia Panfilova, Pair Skating Champion (Russian Language)
“I don’t even know. But today, just before I hit the ice, I was told that I'm the best. Perhaps that has helped me. But I'm unsure.”

02:49 Shots from the Pair Skating podium

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