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Turning the Tide

Olympic swimmer Yusra Mardini has not had it easy since she fled from war-torn Syria in 2015. But her eyes light up when she talks about the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. 

"As a refugee who has lost a lot, I've reached this point with a lot of passion for swimming," the 21-year-old said. Yusra hopes to take part in the games as a member of the Refugee Olympic Team, and is now training at her base in Hamburg in northern Germany. 

Raised in the Syrian capital of Damascus, Yusra began swimming at the age of 3. She and her older sister Sara, now 24, were coached by their father. But the country's civil war began to intensify, and when Yusra was 17, an unexploded shell crashed through the roof into a pool while she was training. She decided that fleeing to Europe with her sister was the only option. They left Syria, hoping to make it to Germany, where Sara had a friend. 

The sisters secured a spot on an overcrowded dinghy prepared by a smuggling group, and headed for the Greek island of Lesbos with about 20 people aboard the vessel. But just after setting out, the engine suddenly failed. The sisters jumped into the water, and directed the front of the dinghy to make sure the boat wouldn't overturn. After about three hours, the engine started again, and everyone on board was saved. 

In 2016, she was able to participate in the Rio de Janeiro Games as a member of the refugee team. While Yusra hopes to take part in the Olympics for the second tournament in a row, Sara decided to give up swimming, and instead support refugees on Lesbos. Last year, however, Sara was arrested by Greek authorities, who judged

her to be a member of a group that was helping immigrants illegally enter the country. She remains on trial. ↵

When European countries stopped accepting the influx of refugees that had poured into the region, they were left with nowhere to go. Yusra says she wants to share the plight of these people. ↵

"In Japan, which has hardly any refugees, I want people to know the conditions in which refugees are placed," she said. ↵

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Blossoming Heroes ↵

Japan bowed out of the 2019 Rugby World Cup after being defeated by South Africa on Oct. 20, but not before making historic strides in the tournament and proceeding to the quarterfinals for the first time, thrilling legions of rugby fans. ↵

The diverse Japanese team of 31 members, including 15 players from overseas, bonded together under the slogan "One Team," and won all four of their pool stage games to advance to the best eight of the tournament, which was held in Asia for the first time. ↵

In the pool stage, Japan beat Ireland, a team that entered the World Cup ranked No. 1 in the world and which had been seen as a contender to win the tournament. They also felled Scotland, which have regularly made the World Cup's best eight. At one stage Japan rose as high as sixth in the world rankings – its best position to date. ↵

In the quarterfinal match before a crowd of 48,831 at Tokyo Stadium in Tokyo, the Brave Blossoms sought to repeat the victory over the Springboks that they achieved in Brighton, England, during the 2015 World Cup. At the end of the first half, they narrowly trailed 3–5, but in the second half, South Africa's powerful forwards got the better of them. When the final whistle blew, Japan's 3–26 defeat was settled.
