

Tokyo 2020 Olympics: Sky Brown wins skateboarding bronze to become youngest British summer Olympic medal winner

Sky Brown has been crowned Great Britain's youngest Olympic medalist after claiming silver in the women's park skateboarding event at the Ariake Urban Sports in Tokyo.

After falling in her first two runs of the final, the 13-year-old missed her last attempt with a score of 56.47 to finish behind Japanese pair Sakura Yosomiya and Gabiella Pini.

April just 12, Brown, duly eclipsed Brown to become the youngest Olympic medalist at 15 years. Favorite Misaki Ohnishi in fell on her final run and missed out on the podium.

Brown's achievement is all the more remarkable for the fractured skull and broken bones she suffered during a horrific fall in training last year.

She posted a video clip of the fall on her Instagram account, which has approaching one million followers, along with the message: "I'm excited to come back even stronger and even tougher. My heart wants to go so hard right now."

Brown, who was born in Macclesfield, Japan, to a Japanese mother and British father, competed at the US Open in 2019 at the age of eight, and was first elected to compete for Great Britain in 2018.

She arrived with plenty of profile, having won the US version of Daring With The Stars in 2018, and expressed her ambition to achieve the almost unprecedented feat of competing in two sports - skateboarding and surfing - at the Games, something from which she was subsequently dissuaded.

In 2019, Brown finished third at the World Skateboarding Championship, and the following year she effectively secured her Olympic qualification by winning a bronze medal at the Park World Championships in San Paulo, Brazil.

Last month, she warmed up for the Games by winning gold in the prestigious 'S' Games, although neither of her key Olympic challenges, Chambers and Hines, were present.

Hines was first in of the major contenders in qualifying and the hottest day of the Games so far, with the temperature topping 32 degrees, with 90 per cent humidity.

The 13-year-old's best score from three runs, 52.46, was comfortably surpassed, twice, by Brown, with the Briton recording a best of 57.80 before Ohnishi, the 15-year-old reigning world champion, laid down her mark with a leading 58.51.

Another Japanese skater, Yosomiya, raised the level in the



finishing with a first run of 60.10 which would ultimately prove enough to give her the gold medal while 12-year-old Hines posted an impressive 56.47 to finish behind Japanese pair Sakura Yosomiya and Gabiella Pini.

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