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Dutch Skaters Complete Podium Sweep in Women's 1,500-Meter Final

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SOCHI — Dutch speed skater Jorien ter Mors ripped up an increasingly orange-infused Adler Arena on Sunday to set a new Olympic record and claim the gold medal in the women's 1,500-meters, leading to yet another Dutch podium sweep in the sport at the Sochi Games.

Ter Mors, a world silver medalist who also competes in short track, won her first Olympic medal with a time of 1:53.51. Further back, Ireen Wust claimed second in 1:54.09 for her second silver and third medal of the Games, after winning gold in the 3,000-meters and silver in the 1,000-meters.

Bronze went to Lotte van Beek with a time of 1:54.54, pushing her compatriot Marrit Leenstra off the podium and into fourth.

Sunday's event marked the Netherlands' first podium sweep in the women's speed skating category and a record-breaking third sweep this Games for the sport overall. The men claimed

all three medals in both the 5,000-meter and the 500-meter events, and only Denny Morrison of Canada — who won silver — got in the way of another sweep in the men's 1,000-meters.

The Dutch have now claimed 16 medals of an available 24 on offer in speed skating so far.

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