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Bergsma Wins Speed Skating Gold in Fourth Dutch Podium Sweep

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The Netherlands won their sixth speed skating gold of the Sochi Games, with Jorrit Bergsma breaking an Olympic record on his way to victory in the 10,000-meter event.

The 28-year-old Bergsma posted a time of 12:44:45 minutes in Tuesday's race at the Adler Arena, beating runner-up and gold-medal favorite Sven Kramer by four seconds.

Kramer was widely expected to redeem himself after receiving a disqualification in the same event four years ago — the gold medal instead going to Korea's Lee Seung-hoon — but the Dutchman was forced to settle for silver once more.

Fellow countryman Bob de Jong claimed bronze in the fourth Dutch speed skating podium sweep at the Sochi Olympics to date.

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