

Skier Gallagher Ends Britain's Wait for Paralympic Gold Medal

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ROSA KHUTOR— Britain won its first ever Winter Paralympic gold medal on Monday as skier Kelly Gallagher triumphed in the women's visually impaired super G.

Gallagher, 28, from Northern Ireland and her guide Caroline Powell finished the Rosa Khutor course in 1 minute 28.72 seconds, beating Alexandra Frantseva of Russia by 0.22 seconds.

Britain also took bronze as Jade Etherington finished third, following her silver medal in Saturday's downhill.

Slovakia's Henrieta Farkasova, who won the downhill and was chasing a fifth career gold medal, made a mistake on the track and finished fifth.

The race used so-called "calculated time," in which each athlete's time is modified by a percentage reflecting the extent of their disability.

Over the nine days of competition in Sochi, a total of 72 gold medals will be awarded in five sports.

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