Russia's Petushkov Takes Third Sochi Gold With Biathlon Win

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Russia's Roman Petushkov celebrates his victory in the 12.5-kilometer sitting biathlon.

KRASNAYA POLYANA — Russia's Roman Petushkov claimed his third gold medal at the Sochi Paralympic Games on Tuesday, leading a host-nation podium sweep in the biathlon 12.5-kilometer sitting event.

Despite thick fog at the Laura Biathlon and Ski Complex, the 36-year-old did not miss any of his 20 shots and beat second-placed compatriot Alexei Bychenok by 40.9 seconds.

It was the first Paralympic medal for 27-year-old Muscovite Bychenok, and also for 18-year-old Russian Grigory Murygin, who took bronze.

The Russians are traditionally strong in the 12.5-kilometer sitting biathlon event, winning every single medal on offer since it was introduced in Turin in 2006.

Petushkov also triumphed in the 7.5-kilometer biathlon event on Saturday and the 15-

kilometer cross–country skiing race Sunday.

Earlier in the day, Germany's Anja Wicker emerged victorious in the women's 10–kilometer sitting biathlon competition.