

Skier Rothfuss Wins Germany's 5th Paralympic Gold

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ROSA KHUTOR — Skier Andrea Rothfuss won Germany's fifth gold at the Sochi Paralympic Games on Wednesday, prevailing in the standing slalom competition.

Rothfuss, 24, had a solid 2.45-second lead after the first run and avoided mistakes in the second to claim her first Paralympic gold by the vast margin of 6.85 seconds, adding it to five medals from the Turin and Vancouver Games.

Russia's Inga Medvedeva claimed her second silver of the tournament, after she also came second in the downhill competition on Saturday.

Petra Smarzova of Slovakia managed to fight her way from fifth place to the podium on the second run, leaving Russia's Maria Papulova fourth.

Anna Jochemsen of the Netherlands was on the verge of winning her first Paralympic medal

after finishing second in the first run, but fell halfway down the course on the second run.

The winner of the downhill and super G events, Marie Bochet of France, was a non-finisher in the first run.

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

Earlier in the day, Russian skier Alexandra Frantseva produced a quick second run to snatch slalom gold from Britain's Jade Etherington in the visually impaired class.

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