

# Russian Athlete Claims First Gold in Pyeongchang Amid Doping Controversy

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Athletes from Russia competing under a neutral flag won the country's first gold medal at the Winter Olympics when 15-year old figure skater Alina Zagitova claimed gold [Friday](#) morning.

The win follows [controversy](#) surrounding Alexander Krushelnitsky, who was stripped of his bronze medal in mixed doubles curling on Thursday after testing positive for meldonium.

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The women's figure-skating silver went to another Russian, Yevgenia Medvedeva, with bronze claimed by Kaetlyn Osmond from Canada.

This brings the total number of [medals](#) won by Russian athletes in Pyeongchang to 14.

Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev congratulated the figure skaters on Twitter.

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Russia is set to face off the Czech Republic later on Friday in the men's ice hockey semi-finals.

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