

Team USA and Team Toyota's Oksana Masters claims second Paralympic Gold Medal

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PYEONGCHANG, South Korea – Oksana Masters captured her second gold medal in the Paralympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 with her performance in the women’s sitting class of the 5km cross-country event on Saturday, March 17.

It was Masters’ fifth Paralympic medal in PyeongChang, as she finished ahead of second place by more than 10 seconds.

“I am absolutely truly speechless on this performance,” Masters said. “I was a little bit nervous because I didn’t get my full warm up in and I was yawning at the start line thinking I was a little too relaxed. I have no idea what just happened.”

The gold medal marks Master’s eighth career Paralympic Medal after she previously captured one gold medal, two silver and one bronze in PyeongChang, silver and bronze medals in Sochi and a bronze medal in London.

Masters was born with birth defects, including legs with no weight-bearing bones, as a direct cause of the nuclear accident at Chernobyl in Ukraine and had both legs amputated above the knee. She was adopted and moved to the United States at the age of seven where she later began the sport of adaptive rowing.