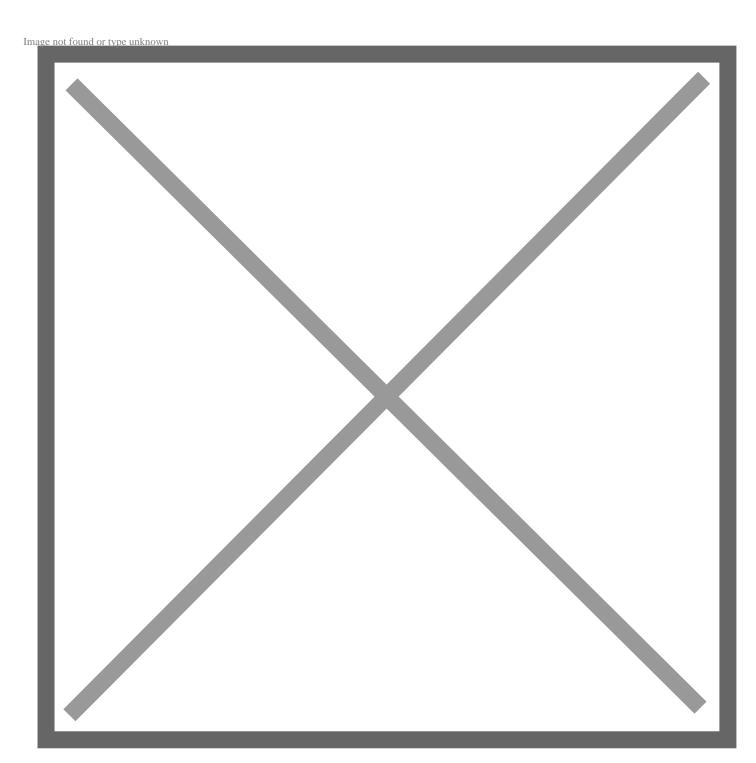
Team USA and Team Toyota's Oksana Masters Wins Eighth Gold Paralympic Medal at Paris 2024

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PARIS (**Sept. 5, 2024**) – Thirty-five-year-old Oksana Masters claimed a gold medal in the Women's Para Cycling H4-5 Individual Time Trials at the Paralympic Games Paris 2024, her eighth gold medal and 18th overall Paralympic medal. Masters finished the race at Clichy-sous-bois in 23:45.20, winning the event by 6.24 seconds.

"Oh my goodness, it's just so special!" said Masters. "It just feels great every single time, every day in a different race. What helped me carry through today was just the belief my team had in me. I wanted to just rely on that and trust in them that they believe I could it. So, I just wanted to focus on doing my part."

Making her seventh Paralympic Games appearance, Masters continues to add to her extraordinary career, quickly becoming one of the more decorated U.S. Paralympic athletes. Masters entered Paris with momentum after the Paralympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 where she became the most decorated U.S. Winter Paralympian of all time with 14 career Winter Paralympic medals. There, she claimed three gold (sprint biathlon, individual biathlon and mixed relay cross-country) and four silver medals (middle-distance biathlon, long-distance cross-country, sprint cross-country, middle-distance cross-country).

In between Paralympic Games and leading up to Paris this summer, Masters captured two gold medals, along with one silver and one bronze, in this year's IBU Para Biathlon World Championships, and a gold in the UCI Para—Cycling Road World Championships in 2023. To-date, she has 13 World Championships and 23 World Championship medals to her name and is eager to accrue more hardware for her résumé.

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