

Paralympics: Chernobyl victim wins first gold in Pyeongchang Sports

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Ukraine-born Oksana Masters is bringing home Paralympic gold from Pyeongchang for the United States, her adopted homeland

From Deutsche Welle, Mar 15, 2018 Oksana Masters, who was born with radiation-induced birth defects caused by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, has won Paralympic gold in cross country skiing. She had won two previous medals at the 2014 Sochi games. Cross country skier Masters finally got her Paralympic gold on Wednesday, winning the 1.1 kilometer cross country sprint in the sitting category. "This is the most amazing medal of my career," said Masters, who had both legs amputated as a child after being born with radiation-induced birth defects. "I am so happy I have been able to channel the things I went through when I was younger and make them into something positive." [View image on Twitter](#) The 28-year-old won a silver in biathlon and a bronze in cross country at the 2014 Winter Paralympic Games in Sochi and had also collected a bronze in rowing at the 2012 Summer Games in London. The United States, who sent the biggest delegation with 69 athletes, is currently leading the overall medal table with six gold medals, and eleven medals in total. [⋮] <http://p.dw.com/p/2uHrv>