

Gold for Russia's Karachurin in Men's 12.5km Standing Biathlon

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Azat Karachurin continued host nation Russia's rich vein of form in Sochi Paralympic biathlon Tuesday, striking gold in the men's 12.5-kilometer standing race.

Karachurin, 18, won his first Paralympic gold medal by a dominant 54.6 seconds from Norway's Nils-Erik Ulset, adding it to the bronze he won in the 7.5-kilometer race on Saturday.

It was Russia's third biathlon gold medal of the day after wins for Alyona Kaufman and Roman Petushkov in other categories, and the host nation's seventh biathlon win of the Games so far.

The bronze medal went to Canada's Mark Arendz, the silver medalist in the 7.5-kilometer, who finished one minute, one second, off the pace.

There was disappointment for 16-year-old Russian Alexander Pronkov, who had been third until the final shooting stage, when he missed two shots and finished six seconds behind Arendz.

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