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## 1998 Nagano Olympic Winter Games Day 8

### Alsgaard edges Daehlie to win 15-km pursuit gold



Oh, rain again

**T**homas Alsgaard of Norway won the Nagano Olympic men's 15-kilometer cross country pursuit race Saturday, edging out teammate Bjoern Daehlie in an exciting final-stretch duel.

Alsgaard, who won the gold in the 30-km classical at the 1994 Lillehammer Olympics, covered the freestyle portion in 39 minutes, 13.7 seconds at the hilly Snow Harp course in Hakuba in frequent rain.

The 26-year-old had a two-race combined time of 1:07:01.7, crossing the finish line 1.1 seconds ahead of Daehlie, who was denied a seventh gold medal that would make it an all-time record in the Winter Games.

The bronze went to Kazakstan's Vladimir Smirnov in 1:07:31.5.

Alsgaard, starting in fifth place 24 seconds adrift of Daehlie based on the results of Thursday's 10-km classical, caught up with the leader before the 8-km point and overhauled him in the final 200 meters after a breathtaking two-man race.

Daehlie's silver medal earned him a total of 10 Olympic medals for a tie with Russian cross country skier Raisa Smetanina who competed for the Soviet Union and the former Unified Team between 1976 and 1992.

Saturday's freestyle race was the second leg of the two-day pursuit event combined with the 10-km

classical race.

### Women's downhill, men's super G postponed

Organizers called off the Alpine skiing women's downhill and the men's super G scheduled for Saturday morning because of rain. A new schedule has yet to be announced.

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