

Birmingham student soars to pole vault gold at Olympic Stadium

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Birmingham student Nick Cruchley, from Stourbridge, has cemented his place in Olympic history by becoming the first men's pole vault Champion at the Olympic Stadium. Nick broke the Championship Record with a height of 5:22m to take the title at the BUCS Visa Outdoor Athletics Championships. The championships were a London 2012 test event as part of the London Prepares series.

The BUCS Visa Outdoor Athletics Championships saw 1,500 students from all over the UK competing for glory across 15 disciplines in four days from 4-7 May 2012. UB Sport athletes proudly came back to campus with two gold, two silver, and four bronze medals, placing them in an overall second place for the competition.

Nick broke the previous Championship Record of 5.21m that had been held by Sheffield Hallam's David Hughes since 1986 in his third and final attempt at 5.22m, much to his and the crowds delight.

The BUCS Visa Outdoor Athletics Championships was part of Universities Week 2012, which recognizes and celebrates the contribution that universities make to the Olympic and Paralympic Games and the sports industry in the UK. Visit www.bucs.org.uk

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