

Paralympic Gold for Birmingham's Relph

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Birmingham Physics graduate Pamela Relph stormed to Paralympic gold as part of Team GB's Mixed Coxed Four on Sunday. Her victory with teammates, Naomi Riches, David Smith and James Roe was the only Paralympic rowing medal won by team GB.

The GB crew outpaced the German boat to win by two seconds in a time of 3min 19sec with Ukraine in third.

Pamela was part of the team that took two gold medals in 2011 at the World Cup in Munich and the World Championships in Slovenia. She had ambitions to join the Royal Engineers, but after suffering with arthritis she took to rowing in 2010 after being introduced by older sister Monica who has also competed internationally.



As well as graduating with from the School of Physics Pamela also captained the University's award winning cheerleading squad the Pussycats during her time at Birmingham.

The University's Director of Sport Zena Wooldridge comments: "We followed Pam's rowing progress through last year's final year at University, to gain Paralympic selection. So it's a really exciting and proud moment to see her achieve her ultimate goal of Paralympic gold in London. Congratulations Pam."

Seeing one of our recent alumni achieve gold at the London Paralympics makes what has already been a fantastic sporting summer for the University even more special."