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SOUTHAMPTON DIVERS HIT GOLD AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Southampton Olympian Pete Waterfield led a week of Golden local success in Leeds last week retaining his 10 metre title for the fourth event running at the British Gas National Championships. Pete was well ahead of runner-up Tom Daley with Southampton Diving Academy colleague and Commonwealth gold medallist Max Brick less than one point behind Tom in 3rd place with a personal best.

Pete will be joined by Southampton team mate Chris Mears in competing at the World Championships in Shanghai next month following Chris' success in taking Silver in the 1metre event, Bronze in the 3m using a rarely-seen forward 4 1/2 somersaults – and Gold with partner Nick Robinson-Baker from Sheffield in the 3m synchro.

International success also beckons for Rosie Medlock who was selected to compete at the Junior European Championships and Jack Clewlow - selected to compete at the World University Games in Shenzhen following his success in taking the 10m synchro title with partner Joe Meszaros from Leeds.

Other strong performances secured places in finals for other Southampton Diving Academy divers. Georgie Wingrove was in fine form coming 4th on the 1m springboard and 7th on the 3m. Lauren Grinstead gained 7th place on the 10m platform. Chris Farrow came in 6th on the 1m springboard.

Southampton Head Coach Lindsey Fraser said "For Pete to maintain his position as National champion for four successive events against the reigning World Champion is a remarkable feat and testimony to his determination and commitment as well as his skill and fitness. And what really excited me at these championships was the strength of the Southampton divers across all boards. All turned in great individual performances – not just the other winning performances from Chris Mears and Jack Clewlow but the personal bests and all our divers stepping up to the mark in the Finals."

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