



Munich rowing success for former College student and Olympic gold medallist Mark Hunter

Former Havering Sixth Form College student Mark Hunter produced an incredible comeback performance at the Rowing World Cup in Germany.

Mark, who attended College in 1995, was part of the Great Britain team which brought back five golds in an 11-medal haul at the season's second rowing World Cup held in Munich.

Rowing with Zac Purchase in the lightweight men's double scull, Mark surprised himself with the first-class performance.



The pair, who sat out last year completely, were back in harness for the first time since taking Olympic gold in Beijing and they won against opposition which included the world champions from New Zealand.

Mark, 31, said: "Where did that come from? It's exciting and it's even a bit of a shock."

Following his Olympic triumph Mark took a break from rowing during the 2009 season and went out to coach at the UCLA in California. Watching his athletes train and compete with such a buzz and excitement reminded him why he loved training and racing so much. Therefore - feeling totally refreshed - he has now returned to training with his sights set firmly on London 2012.