



February/March Newsletter

# South Korea Success

Two silvers and a bronze!



The last two months have been crazy!

Now I'm back home in Canterbury seeing friends and family, it's all finally starting to sink in.

For Brett and I to come back home from the Winter Paralympic Games in PyeongChang with three medals feels really amazing. We were dreaming of gold but after the season we've had, following my crash at the test event in South Korea last year, we could have so easily returned home with nothing.

Securing silver in our downhill race on the first day of the games was incredible and really felt like a gold medal. Then to come back the next day and secure a second silver - on mother's day - with our mums in the crowd was extra special.

The combined and GS events didn't go the way we wanted, so to come back from those races to gain a bronze medal in slalom on the final day, and be part of ParalympicsGB's best ever Winter Paralympics, was really incredible.

There are a lot of people to thank, as Brett and I couldn't have achieved what we do without all the support we get from friends, family, sponsors and coaches ... but an extra special thanks to the people who cheered us on from the stands in South Korea including Jane and San from [Get Kids Going](#), Fi from [Disability Snowsport UK](#), David and Tim from [Allianz](#), Cameron from [Holmlands](#); and of course Brett's mum and dad, Jane and Oscar and my wonderful mum! A huge thank to everyone back home who stayed up in the early hours of the morning to watch us race too - all the support and well wishes were felt and really helped give Brett and I extra motivation.

Life in the Paralympic Village was fun meeting lots of athletes from around the world, swapping pin badges with them and food available 24 hours a day! We also had a whirl wind of media interviews ... you can check out just some of our pre and post games interviews online with [BBC News](#), [CBBC](#), [Sky Sports](#), [The London Evening Standard](#), [iNews](#), [KMTV](#) and even my mum was interviewed in South Korea by [BBC News](#)!

There were so many cool moments from the games including when we landed home - British Airways played the national anthem in the team's honour and Rob Walker from Channel 4 read out an amazing poem about the whole Paralympic experience. It gave us all goosebumps.

Since being back home, we were welcomed by the team from Channel 4 at their offices in London and got to meet Claire Balding. We were then whisked away for more interviews before heading up to Scotland when I joined Brett for a special submariners' dinner - where we received an incredible standing ovation from 200 of Brett's colleagues in the Royal Navy. The next day we visited Uddingston Grammar School and Fintry Primary - taking lots of photos with school pupils and our medals. Later that night we went to Edinburgh where we won the Team Work award at the NRS Scotland Sporting Awards.

The Glasgow Ski Centre then hosted a special homecoming event for us, with all of Brett's friends and family - where we were greeted by balloon versions of ourselves! I travelled back down to Kent for some rest and to catch up with all the amazing people who have supported me from the start - you know who you are!

On reflecting on the last month, I'm proud to have returned from the most successful Winter Paralympics of my life so far with three medals, skiing with my best friend. We're already in the gym training for Beijing in 2022.

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