

# Jason Kenny CBE

## British Olympic track cyclist and multi-gold medal winner

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### About

Jason Kenny was talent-spotted whilst riding for his local Go-Ride Club and has since followed the paths of the British Cycling Podium Programmes, rising through the Talent Team, the Development and Academy Programmes before finally earning his place on the prestigious Podium Programme in 2008.

Having won numerous World and European titles as a junior, Jason took a massive leap in 2008 when he was selected for the Olympics squad and found himself on the plane to Beijing. After putting in some strong times during training, he was selected as Man Two for the Team Sprint, alongside seasoned Sprint riders Jamie Staff and Chris Hoy, giving Jason Kenny his first taste of Olympic victory at just 20 years of age. Another Olympic medal was soon to follow in the form of a Silver medal in the Sprint, where he competed against Chris Hoy and narrowly missed out in the final. Jason certainly gave Chris a run for his money, with Chris Hoy commenting after the race that "Beating him was really tough - it was probably the hardest race of my life".

In December 2008, it was announced that Jason was to be appointed Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in the 2009 New Year Honours list, and subsequently awarded a CBE in the 2017 New Year Honours list.

Jason Kenny was awarded his first world sprint championship title in 2012 (for the 2011 championships) after Frenchman Gregory Bauge was stripped of the title after infringing anti-doping rules. In 2012 Kenny and Bauge found themselves in the Sprint final once again at the world championships in Melbourne. Bauge came out on top, but only after some brave and innovative tactics from Kenny. Kenny then followed up by winning bronze in the Keirin a couple of days later.

At the London 2012 Olympic Games Jason Kenny won gold in the team sprint with Chris Hoy and Philip Hindes, setting a new world record in the London Velopark. He also won gold in the Men's sprint final, avenging his previous losses to Bauge with a time of 10.308s in his final lap.

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