

# ALEX STIEDA

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The Canadian Cycling Hall of Fame recognizes exceptional contributions to the sport of Cycling by both Athletes and Builders.

The Canadian Cycling Hall of Fame is pleased to welcome the first North American to wear the yellow jersey in the Tour de France, Alex Stieda as an inductee for 2016.

Alex's career in bike racing started in Vancouver, British Columbia in 1977. Within two years, he had won every junior National track title and qualified for the Junior World Championships, where he finished 5th in the individual pursuit.

In 1982, he started racing for the 7-Eleven cycling team, traveling across North America where the team won 50% of the races that they entered, year after year.

Next, a bronze medal at the 1982 Brisbane Commonwealth Games in the individual pursuit proved to be a launching pad for qualification to the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Turning professional in 1986, Alex and the 7-Eleven team raced the Tour de France for the first time. Finishing the 4km prologue time trial as the best rider on the team, Alex broke away on the following stage to claim enough time bonuses to win the yellow jersey, becoming the first North American to do so. In addition, he won five jerseys in total including the polka dot as best climber, white as best rookie, red for intermediate points, and the combination.

As a junior he was first in General Classification at the 1980 Tour of Abitibi which he followed up with a bronze medal in the individual pursuit at the 1982 Commonwealth Games.

Other General Classification wins included the 1988 Tour of Texas and the 1991 Tour of Montreal. Alex continued to compete as a professional until 1992 winning many races throughout North America including San Luis Obispo in 1985, Gastown Grand Prix and stages of the Coors Classic.

Since retiring in 1992, Alex has continued his involvement in cycling, providing TV colour commentary for CBC, OLN, and Sportsnet, and coaching with Juventus Cycling Club in Edmonton. He is the co-founder of the Tour of Alberta, a professional cycling stage race in his home province. He is a regular columnist in Pedal, a Canadian Cycling Magazine. Alex continues to share his passion for cycling by operating cycling camps at various locations throughout the world.