

LORI-ANN MUENZER



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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 Lori-Ann Muenzer as an inductee for 2015. Canada's only cycling Olympic gold medalist, she rose to prominence in 2004 at the Athens Olympic Games winning the Match Sprint event.

Throughout a national team career that began in 1994 and continued to 2006 she amassed a number of podium finishes worldwide and domestically. Lori-Ann won six World Championship medals (in Match Sprints, Flying and Standing events), the 2002 Commonwealth Games silver and bronze medals - where she set the Flying 200M record - and was a Pan American Keirin and Match Sprint Champion.

Her World Championship medals included winning a silver medal at the 2001 World Championships in Antwerp, BEL in the 500m time trial and a bronze in the sprint, she also won a silver at the 2000 World Championships in Manchester, GBR in the sprint,

and a bronze medal at the 2004 world championships in Melbourne, AUS in the sprint. She remains the only Cycling Olympic Gold Medalist in Canadian history.

A resident of Edmonton, Lori-Ann also accumulated an outstanding 13 National titles and 11 World Cup medals throughout the course of her career.

Her 2004 Olympic achievement has been recounted as follows: At age 38 she was the oldest cyclist in the Olympic field at Athens, publicly claiming that her age made her both stronger and wiser. After defeating Anna Meares of Australia in the semi-final she was up against 21 year old Russian Tamilla Abassova in the finals.

In the first of the best of three final races Lori-Ann overtook Abassova late in the race and in the second race, at a speed of just over 59 km/h beat her a second time at the line for the gold medal.

She was named the 2004 Canadian Press & Broadcast News' Female Athlete of the Year. She has been inducted into both the Alberta and Edmonton Sports Hall of Fame, and received the 2005 Tribute to Women of Distinction "Honourable Lois E. Hole Award for Lifetime Achievement" by the YWCA.

In 2015 Lori-Ann was selected to Canada's Sports Hall of Fame.