

MATT RICHARDSON**Track Cyclist – Great Britain**

2024 Paris Olympics SILVER - Individual Sprint
2024 Paris Olympics SILVER - Keirin
2022 UCI Track Champions League Sprint Winner

Date of birth: 17th April 1999

Lives and trains: Manchester, UK

Matt Richardson is one of the fastest men in the world on a bike. As a track sprinter, he is half of one of the most documented head-to-head rivalries in cycling, alongside Harrie Lavreysen. Matt is an Olympic silver medallist twice over (Paris 2024 - Individual Sprint & Keirin), a previous World Champion (2022 - Team Sprint) and Commonwealth Games Champion (2022 - Individual Sprint) so knows how to succeed. He always gives 110% and is fully committed to everything he does - whether that's winning a sprint race, smashing through a training session or refitting a campervan (woodwork is a passion off the bike).

Matt was born in the UK in 1999 in Maidstone, Kent to English parents. Nine years later, Matt moved to Australia due to his father's work. Despite not hailing from a particularly sporty family, Matt showed the early signs of sporting prowess, but this was in the gym as opposed to on two wheels. Matt competed in gymnastics at a national level, however after suffering an elbow injury he turned his interest to cycling. Whilst already riding with Midland Cycling Club, Matt was invited to attend a 'come and try' session where he was recruited to the Western Australia Institute of Sport. Then three months before the 2019 World Championships, Matt relocated to South Australia to join Cycling Australia's Podium Potential Academy, where he was selected to represent Australia in the Team Sprint (where they finished 6th).

At the 2020 World Championships, Matt sprinted to bronze in the Team Sprint, which was Australia's highest finish in this event in a World Champs in eight years. Matt then made his Olympic debut a year later in Tokyo, where he finished fourth as part of the Team Sprint squad. In 2022, at the Commonwealth Games in the UK, Matt won gold in the Individual Sprint which he declares as the favourite moment of his career so far. Success continued for Matt, winning gold in the Team Sprint and Silver in the Individual Sprint at the World Champs, and finishing the year with victory in the UCI Track Champions League Sprint Category, beating his arch rival. Matt won two more silvers at the 2023 World Champs, finishing second in the Team Sprint and achieving his first world medal in the individual keirin.

Matt has raced with his heart and soul in the 'green and gold' of Australia over the years, achieving some incredible results, but it was after the 2024 Paris Olympics it was confirmed that Matt would be switching nationality to Great Britain. The natural reaction to want to move to his motherland yearned, with Matt declaring 'it has always been his dream', particularly after experiencing incredible crowds at both the Commonwealth Games in 2022 and the UCI Track Champions League rounds in London. Matt is relishing this exciting new chapter and continuing to give the best in the sport that he loves. Having Olympic icon Jason Kenny as his coach is something he describes as a "pinch myself moment", and his goal is to "create as many unforgettable moments as possible".

Off the bike Matt loves building things and craftwork, whether this be refurbishing an off grid camper van, tinkering with a motorbike or a woodwork project. As a cyclist he is also very into his coffee, with a full barista set up at home.



Key Results

2024	Paris Olympics	SILVER Keirin
2024	Paris Olympics	SILVER Individual Sprint
2024	Paris Olympics	BRONZE Team Sprint
2023	UCI Track World Championships	SILVER Team Sprint
2023	UCI Track World Championships	SILVER Keirin
2023	UCI Track Champions League	2 nd SPRINT Category
2022	UCI Track World Championships	GOLD Team Sprint
2022	UCI Track World Championships	SILVER Individual Sprint
2022	Commonwealth Games	GOLD Team Sprint
2022	Commonwealth Games	GOLD Individual Sprint
2022	UCI Track Champions League	WINNER SPRINT Category
2021	Tokyo Olympics	4 th Team Sprint
2020	UCI Track World Championships	BRONZE Team Sprint