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KEY FACTS

Date of birth: 14/10/1978

Place of birth: Wisbech, Cambridgeshire

Lives: Manchester

Height: 171cm

Career Highlights: Fastest solo Paralympian on a bike. One of only a handful of Olympians and Paralympians to win gold medals in two sports with gold at both the Sydney and Beijing Paralympics - in swimming (100m Butterfly) and cycling (1km Time Trial) respectively.

Jody was born with a deformed right foot which was amputated at the age of 3. He was then fitted with an artificial leg, and hasn't looked back since. At the age of 10 he raced for the first time for Kings Lynn swimming club, and his international debut came in 1994, representing Great Britain at the world swimming championships. He took 4 seconds off his best time to surprise everyone and take the gold medal in the 100m Butterfly, this would be the first of 23 (14 gold, 4 silver and 5 bronze) international medals he would win in a swimming career spanning 10 years.

In 2005 Jody's career path changed after a ride on the boards of the Newport Velodrome. His potential was spotted by one of the coaches there on that open day. After another ride on the track in Manchester he entered the 2005 national championships and in his first ride broke the British record for the flying 200. Still swimming on the GB team Jody got in contact with the Newport Velo squad who trained at the velodrome. His times caught the attention of the GB coaches, and he was invited to a time trial for a place on the 2006 Paralympic world cup team. This was a success and he was offered a place to ride in the team sprint alongside Darren Kenny and Mark Bristow, and they went on to set a new world record. After that race he hung up his trunks and goggles for the last time and made the transition to the British Cycling team.

In the summer of 2006 he won his first individual gold medal at the World Track Championships in Aigle Switzerland, breaking the WR in the process. From that victory he has gone on to become the fastest solo Paralympian on a bike and won multiple medals on the world stage and became one of only a handful of athletes that have become Paralympic champion in two different sports.

In 2009 he was made an MBE in the New Years Honours list for his services to disability sport.

Jody is not only a very talented athlete but an eloquent and respected public speaker who would be the ideal ambassador for any brand.



ACHIEVEMENTS



World Records Held

Discipline	Date set	Venue	Time (Speed)
Flying 200km	22/05/2009	Manchester, UK	10.998 (65.466 km/h)
1 Kilometre Time Trial	07/11/2009	Manchester, UK	1:05.414 (55.034 km/h)
Team Sprint (750m)	10/09/2008	Beijing, China	49.323 (54.741 km/h)

Cycling

Event	Venue	Medal / Discipline
2009 World Championships	Manchester, UK	Gold, LC2 1 km Time Trial (WR) Gold, Team Sprint
2008 Paralympic Games	Beijing, China	Gold, LC2 1km Time Trial (WR)
2007 World Championships	Beijing, China	Gold, Team Sprint (WR)
2007 World Championships	Bordeaux, France	Gold, LC2 1km Time Trial (WR)
2006 World Championships	Bordeaux, France	Gold, Team Sprint (WR)
2006 World Championships	Aigle, Switzerland	Gold, LC2 1km Time Trial (WR)

Swimming

2004 Paralympic Games	Athens, Greece	Bronze, 100m Butterfly
2002 World Championships	Mar Del Plata, Argentina	Gold, 100m Butterfly (WR) Gold, 4 x 100m Medley Relay
2001 European Championships	Stockholm, Sweden	Bronze, 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay Gold, 100m Butterfly (WR) Gold, 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay Gold, 4 x 100m Medley Relay Silver, 100m Backstroke
2000 Paralympic Games	Sydney, Australia	Silver, 50m Freestyle Gold, 100m Butterfly (WR) Gold, 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay (WR)
1999 European Championships	Brunswick, Germany	Bronze, 100m Backstroke Gold, 100m Butterfly Gold, 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay
1998 World Championships	Christchurch, NZL	Gold, 4 x 100m Medley Relay
1997 European Championships	Badajoz, Spain	Silver, 100m Butterfly Gold, 100m Butterfly (WR) Silver, 4 x 100m Medley Relay
1996 Paralympic Championships	Atlanta, USA	Gold, 100m Butterfly (WR)
1995 European Championships	Perpignan, France	Gold, 100m Butterfly Bronze, 100m Backstroke
1994 World Championships	Valatta, Malta	Gold, 100m Butterfly Bronze, 100m Backstroke