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# SIR CHRIS HOY

Great Britain's most successful Olympic athlete of all time

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Sir Chris Hoy MBE is Great Britain's most successful Olympic athlete of all time, with six gold medals and one silver.

Chris won his first Olympic gold medal in Athens 2004 in the Kilo – an event that was dropped from the programme for Beijing 2008. Chris took this in his stride and switched his focus to three other track sprint events – the Keirin, Sprint and Team Sprint. He went on to win a gold medal in all three at the Beijing Olympics, cementing his name in the history books.

Following his huge success at the Beijing Olympics, Chris was voted 2008 BBC Sports Personality of the Year. He was also awarded a Knighthood in the 2009 New Year Honours list.

In 2012 at his home Olympic Games in London, Chris won his fifth and sixth gold medals- in the Keirin and Team Sprint- becoming Great Britain's most successful Olympic athlete of all time with six gold medals and one silver, overtaking Sir Steve Redgrave's previous record.

Chris retired from competitive cycling in 2013 and his achievements throughout his career make him Scotland's most successful Olympian, the first Briton since 1908 to win three gold medals in a single Olympic Games, and the most successful Olympic male cyclist of all time.

Chris is now enjoying a second sporting career in motorsport, successfully racing in the SR1 Cup and joining the Le Man 24 Hour race. He was a key part of the BBC's team covering cycling events. He also has his own range of bikes with Evans Cycles, is a Unicef ambassador, and won the BBC Sports Personality Lifetime Achievement Award.