

ERIC WOHLBERG

The Canadian Cycling Hall of Fame is pleased to welcome the most dominant Time Trial specialist in Canadian Road history Eric Wohlberg as an inductee for 2018.

The native of Levack, Ontario began his training with the Sudbury Cycling Club under head coach Battista Muredda. “Eric was highly respected by all,” coach Muredda says. “With all things equal, no doping, he wasn’t afraid of anyone in the group. He knew that no one was training harder than him. Therefore he could compete with and beat the best.”

From his early cycling days in the Sudbury area, Eric has gone on to become a three time Olympian who competed in the Olympic Games in 1996, 2000 and 2004 where he had his highest finish in the Individual Time Trial – 17th. At the 1999 Winnipeg Pan American Games he won the Gold medal in the Individual Time Trial and supported teammates Brian Walton and Gord Fraser in their Gold / Silver finish in the Road Race. The team aspect of cycling always appealed to him. “Any of us could have won that race. But we put our egos, pride and personal agendas aside and just supported each other 100%”.

He won the Gold medal in the Individual Time Trial at the 1998 Commonwealth Games and the Bronze medal in the Road Race at the same Kuala Lumpur Games.

From 1996 to 2005 Eric represented Canada in the World Road Championships Individual Time Trial eight times with a top finish of 19th in 2002.

He raced professionally for Shaklee, Saturn and Sierra Nevada before retiring in 2008 with Canada’s Symetrics team.

In other international events he had considerable success including winner of the General Classification at the 1995 Tour de Beauce, winner of the General Classification at the 1996 Tour of Hokkaido (Japan) which he won again in 2000, three stage wins at the Tour of Langkawi (1997, 1999, 2004), winner of the Tour of Gila in 2000, two stage wins at the Vic Roads Herald Sun Tour in 2000 leading to a fourth place in the general classification. He also won the Wendy’s Classic Individual Time Trial in 2000 and the General Classification at the Tour of Wellington, NZ in 2004.

Eric’s record at the Canadian Road Championships may never be equalled. He won the Individual Time Trial championship eight consecutive years from 1996 to 2003. He went on to have second place finishes in 2004 and 2005 and a third place finish in 2006 – thirteen straight years on the podium!

He has continued with his passion for the sport acting as Sport Director for Rally Racing an emerging force in North America and gaining some international status as well. “Our history has been a 100 per cent North American roster,” said Wohlberg, whose team is

composed of 11 U.S. riders, including former Team Sky cyclist Danny Pate, as well as five Canadians — Rob Britton, Matteo Dal-Cin, Adam De Vos, Nigel Ellsay and Ryan Anderson.

Eric has consulted with Cycling Canada around the Individual Time Trial program for World Championships and Olympic Games including Rio 2016.

Eric Wohlberg you are now an honoured member of the Canadian Cycling Hall of Fame.