

Athletes Profile



Ex A Level Student Rebecca Romero wins gold in Beijing 2008

Rebecca Romero studied her AS/A2 Levels at RuTC in 1997. At 17 she decided to try rowing as her family now lived by the Thames. She insists she was only an "average" athlete at school, unable to run or jump and only liking cycling or running to college, but within eight months of finding a rowing club, she was named in the British team for the Junior World Championships.

Romero went on to earn a silver medal in the Athens Olympics, 2004 as part of the women's quadruple scull. A back injury led to her taking some time out from the sport and she decided not to go back to rowing. During this period she was contacted by British Cycling who wanted to see if she would give the sport a go. Until then she had only cycled as part of her training.

Her rise through British cycling has been phenomenal, within two years she had achieved gold in the world championships – making her a world champion in two sports. Winning gold at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing in the individual pursuit makes her the first British woman to earn medals in two different summer Olympic sports.



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