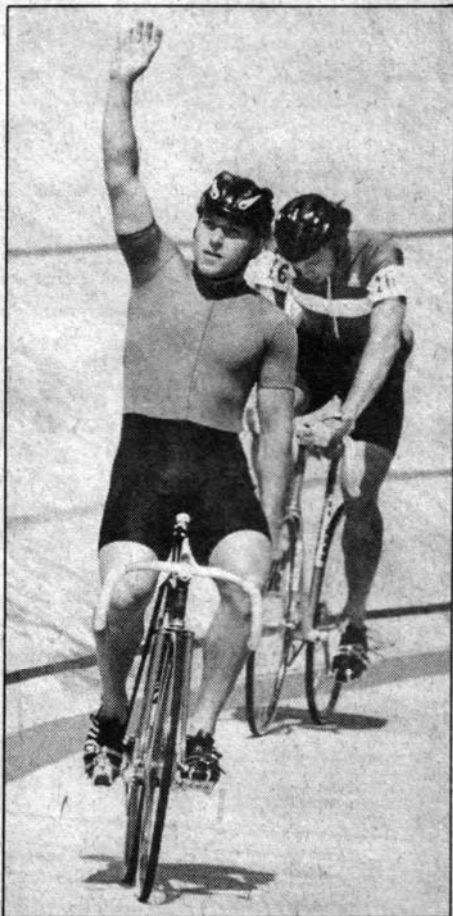




Mark Barry



After suffering from Asthma and re-occurring injuries, Mark got into cycling at the age of twelve and was inspired by a friend whose father was a racing cyclist. A determined schoolboy and Junior road rider winning several titles representing England as a schoolboy road rider, Mark had dreams of being a track rider, dreams which were inspired by pictures of Danny Clarke and other 'Sixties' champions. 'Cycling Weekly' but lack of a track near his home of Leeds frustrated his hopes until at age 16 he attended a National Junior Team selection event at Newcastle Under Lymme. Immediately signed to both Sprint and Pursuit squads Mark went onto to compete in the Junior World Championships as first a Team Pursuiter then as a Sprinter and Kilo Rider. Mark set a new British Junior Kilometer time trial record with a time which would have won a Bronze medal in the Senior Championship. Twelve months later Mark broke both the British Kilometer and 200m records. Mark competed in the '82 Commonwealth Games in Australia and the '84 Olympics in America along with a succession of World Championships World Cups, European Championships and Grands Prix during which time he had the pleasure of beating both the World and Olympic Champions at least once!



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Great Britain's Mark Barry acknowledges cheers after beating France's Philippe Vermet in cycling competition Friday at the Olympic Velodrome.



The Longines photo-finish captures Mark Barry's narrowest of sprint victories over Les Barczewski of the United States. The American is the man in the middle