



Michael Klim OAM

A multiple Olympic and World Champion, Michael Klim is part of the star-studded group that has taken Australia back to the top of world swimming.

Named Australia Swimming Rookie of The Year in 1995, Klim won a bronze medal at the Atlanta Olympics.

His star continued to rise in 1997 when he took the World Record in the 100 metre butterfly on the way to being named World Swimmer of The Year.

At the 1998 FINA World Championships in Perth, Klim's record haul of seven medals in seven events including four gold rates as one of the most outstanding performances by an Australian at an international swim meet.

The 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur saw Klim exert his dominance, winning seven medals including four gold once again.

Klim was one of the undisputed stars of the Sydney Games with two gold and two silver. He was instrumental in the Australians' thrilling 4x100m relay victory, winning his first gold on the first night and helped smash the world record in the 4x200m relay.

Back in the pool in 2001 at the FINA World Championships, Klim showed he had not lost his golden touch, winning two gold medals and setting a world record in the 4x200m freestyle relay. An amazing effort for a man who only days earlier had seriously injured his ankle.

His success continued at the Goodwill Games in Brisbane where he was part of the all-conquering Australian men's swim team.

Back surgery for a prolapsed disc ruled Klim out of the 2002 Commonwealth Games. Further surgery to his shoulder saw Klim sidelined through much of 2003.

In a win for perseverance, Klim returned to the Australian team for the 2004 Athens Games. One of three triple Olympians in the squad, Klim won his sixth medal as part of the 4 x 200 Freestyle Relay.

Michael contested his first major international individual event since 2001 at the World Championships in Montreal in July, which was a great stepping-stone for the Commonwealth Games. He now has his eyes firmly fixed on winning gold in his hometown of Melbourne in March 2006.

A most marketable athlete Michael has been used very successfully in brand building and awareness programs and his image remains one of the most dynamic in Australian sport.

Fact File

D.O.B.: 13 August 1977
Home: Melbourne

Olympic Results:

2004 Athens
 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay Silver
 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay Sixth

2000 Sydney

4 x 100m Freestyle Relay Gold
 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay Gold
 4 x 100m Medley Relay Silver
 100m Butterfly Silver
 100m Freestyle Fourth

1996 Atlanta

4 x 100m Medley Relay Bronze
 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay Fourth
 4 x 100m Freestyle Fifth
 100m Butterfly Sixth
 200m Freestyle Ninth

FINA World Swimming Championships:

2001 Fukuoka
 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay Gold
 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay Gold
 100m Butterfly 7th
 50m Butterfly 11th

1998 Perth

100m Butterfly Gold
 200m Freestyle Gold
 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay Gold
 4 x 100m Medley Relay Gold
 100m Freestyle Silver
 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay Silver
 50m Freestyle Bronze

Honours:

100m Butterfly World Record Holder
 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay World Record Holder
 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay World Record Holder
 2001 Order of Australia
 2001 Telstra Butterfly Swimmer of the Year
 2001 Qantas Sprint Freestyle Swimmer of the Year
 1998 Australian Swimmer of the Year
 1998 Australian Male Athlete of the Year
 1997 World Swimmer of the Year
 1997 Australian Swimmer of the Year
 1997 ACT Swimmer of the Year
 1995 Australian Rookie of the Year

