



PENTATHLON·GB

Samantha Murray

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From: Clitheroe, Lancashire
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Current world ranking: 10th (1 June 2012)
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Samantha makes her Olympic Games debut in London after making sure of a place on Team GB by winning individual bronze at the 2012 World Championships, the final qualification event for the Games.

The 22-year-old was one of five British women pentathletes to achieve the London 2012 Olympic qualifying standard.

Samantha finished just eight seconds behind team-mate Mhairi Spence and two behind China's Qian Chen to take bronze at the 2012 World Championships in Rome. She also joined forces with Mhairi Spence and Heather Fell to win the team gold for Great Britain.

Her performance in Rome saw her rise to a career high eighth in the world rankings – a meteoric rise for an athlete ranked 78th in February. She is currently ranked at 10.

She also produced consistently strong performances at this year's World Cups, finishing sixth at Charlotte in the USA in March and following that up a fourth place in Hungary in April and then winning her first World Cup medal, a bronze, in Russia just a week later. Those performances saw her top the 2012 World Cup standings.

Samantha is studying for a French and Politics degree at the University of Bath and combines her studies with training at the Pentathlon GB High Performance Centre. She recently spent a spell living in Paris as part of her

course, where she studied and trained at INSEP, France's National Institute of Sport, Expertise and Performance.

2012 performances

Hungarian Indoor Championships: gold Budapest, Hungary, February 2012

World Cup 1: 6th, Charlotte, USA, March 2012

Budapest Cup: gold Budapest, Hungary, March 2012

World Cup 3: 4th Százhalombatta, Hungary, April 2012

World Cup 4: bronze Rostov, Russia, April 2012

World Championships: bronze, Rome, Italy, May 2012

Career highlights

World Championships

22nd Chengdu, China, September 2010

Bronze Rome, Italy, May 2012

World Cup Final

24th Moscow, Russia, June 2010

World Cup

7th Medway, Great Britain, April 2010

4th Budapest, May 2010

7th Palm Springs, USA, February 2011

6th Charlotte, USA, March 2012-04-23

4th Százhalombatta, Hungary, April 2012

Bronze Rostov, Russia, April 2012

World Junior Championships

8th Szekesfehervar, Hungary, August 2010.

European Junior Championships

15th Golega, Portugal, May 2010.

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