

Anton Tkac started cycling with time trial discipline (sometimes called "fixed-kilometer start"), who won in the 1970 World Championship bronze medal in Leicester, England. After this failure he switched to Sprint racing and in this discipline he won three times gold medal World Championships: in 1974 in Montreal (Canada) in 1976 in Ostuni (Italy) in 1978, Munich (Germany) and at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal where in the same discipline he was Olympic Champion with gold medal when in the final he defeated eight time world champion Frenchman Daniel Morelon. Anton Tkac was in 1976 - 1978 in the former Czechoslovakia declared athlete of the year. From 2001 to 2011 he was president of the National Cyclists Committee (SCZ). From 2001 to 2008 he was a member of the Executive Committee of the Slovak Olympic Committee (SOV).

The most successful Czechoslovak sprint cyclists was originally in sports school in the capital city Bratislava focused in athletics and mainly ran sprints. The 1 km fixed cycling came by accident when on borrowed bike he won the race in the recruitment city suburb. Sooner later he was recruited by Slovan Bratislava cycling club where he rode and trained on the track 1 km with a solid start. Despite severe injuries he soon convinced his abilities after winning numerous National Championships and in 1969 he was nominated for the World Championships, held in Brno. After achieving the eighth place at his first World Championship, it was very disappointing for him and the inherent stubbornness threw himself into hard training and preparing for another world championship. The following year at the 1970 World Championship in Leicester, England he has already stood on the podium, with bronze medal, while the silver medal escaped from him by astonishing 0.02 seconds.

After the sixth and thirteenth place at next world championships, he started in 1972 the XX.Olympic Games in Munich, Germany. Two weeks before national team departure to the Olympics, Tkac suffered another more serious injury, heavily bruised hip after falling at high speed during his practice and result in the XX.Olympic velodrome this match the 13th sequence in the 1 km fixed race. After the Munich Olympic Games he changed his discipline of "mindless" pedaling for 1 km to a more creative "racing sprint", which always lured him far more ultimate speed. His lost battles, with racing sprint all time legend, Daniel Morelon from France at the 1973 World Cup in San Sebastian, Spain suggested that his choice was very happy. A year later, at the World Championships in Montreal, Canada he was able to defeat all his opponents and become the holder of the Rainbow master jersey World Champion.

In 1976 he returned to Montreal - Canada for XXI. Olympic Games. He was starting sprint race unseeded, and therefore had to start with interfering competition with very strong opponents far stronger than the other aspirants to the medal. Coach Jaromir ZAK was reassuring him...: "When you defeat the stronger now, they will remain in the end only the weaker." But they did not. In the quarterfinals, he was able to manage over Denmark's Niels Fredborg - World Champion. In the semifinals, he fought a battle "bike on bike" with the experienced Hans-Jürgen Geschke from Germany. It took four long days of intense competition at the Montreal Velodrome stadium until Anton Tkac got himself to the finals. The road to Olympic gold, was eight-time World Champion Daniel Morelon. He first tried to ride a long spurt, which wanted to surprise opponent Anton Tkac. Instantly he got twenty meters-ahead. Tkac never stop hunting him with a huge strain forces and in the last corner on the French not only tightened, but passed in front of him. Because the second

run was more favorable for Morelon, the third run was final and Tkac was very well prepared. Tkac in his third run fully attacked way far ahead approximately 250 meters with his explosive speed in the long and rapid spurt and didn't give Morelon any chance to retaliate.

Daniel Morelon, officially said goodbye to his active career at Montreal Olympics and wanted to complete his third gold medal, but he acknowledged sports quality of his opponent. He said, even if I would have given my all lives best performance, I would not win over Tkac. "I lost to a better cyclist," Morelon admitted after the final sprint race, "I really couldn't find any way to beat him."

...And Tkac's weaving winning impressions? "Sometimes I envy athletes that can compete on their well-defined path that is more or less determine how fast and how timed they are. However, cycling sprint is different. You have to have something more: emotion and instinct for countless tactical options to prepare for your opponent and which wants to surprise you. The absolute speed and endurance is only the one part.

After, Tkac took fourth place in Venezuela San Cristóbal World Championship, World Cup 1978 in Munich - Germany, duelled with the upcoming generation of supposedly unbeatable sprint racers Hesslichem, Drescher and Raaschem from Germany. Tkac lastly, changed his mind after two-month rest and joined the 1978 World Cup. He showed there the impossible - gradually overcame all three athletes from Germany with his explosive speed. Anton Tkac gave one of his best performances of all time and became a World Champion for the third time.

In 1980 he was nominated again for XXII.Olympic Games taking place in Moscow. Despite the failure of proper training and undertreated arm due to his injury, he was able to fight through to the semifinals only. In it Tkac identified as opponent draw Morelon's ward Yave Caharda from France, who represented to Tkac his coach's defeat at the Montreal Olympic Games. In the race for the bronze medal the fastest time was beaten by Sergey Kopylov from the Soviet Union. Tkac is so rich with his cycling career took leave unrewarding fourth place.

The holder of several top national and international sporting achievements is now an entrepreneur. National Slovak Cycling Committee by early March of last year re-elected Anton Tkac again as its president. In the past 13 years he had been head coach of the Czechoslovak National representation team and as well Dukla Trencin head coach. During his coaching carrier, he brought his national sprinter cyclist team 5 times to win World Champion. Moreover, more than 18 years he worked at the Department of Defense components as an athlete, coach and principal sport methodologist. Outstanding sports personality, a rare, single-minded man with a heart of gold.