

= Teddy Riner =

Teddy Pierre @-@ Marie Riner (French : [t?di / te.di ?i.n??] ; born 7 April 1989) is a French judoka . He has won eight World Championships gold medals , the first and only judoka (male or female) to do so , and an Olympic gold medal . He has also won five gold medals at the European Championships . He is a member of the Levallois Sporting Club in Levallois @-@ Perret , France .

= = Personal life = =

Riner was born on 7 April 1989 in Les Abymes near Pointe @-@ à @-@ Pitre , on the island of Guadeloupe , during a family holiday . He was raised in Paris , France . He was enrolled at a local sports club by his parents and played football , tennis and basketball , but says he preferred judo " because it is an individual sport and it 's me , only me . "

He is 2 @-@ 04 metres (6 ft 8 in) tall and weighs 136 kilograms (300 lb) . He is nicknamed " Teddy Bear " , or " Big Ted " .

= = Judo career = =

Riner is a member of the Levallois Sporting Club in Levallois @-@ Perret , France and is coached by Christian Chaumont and Benoit Campargue . He won the World and European junior titles in 2006 . In 2007 , he won a gold medal at the European Judo Championships in Belgrade , Serbia , on the day after his eighteenth birthday . At the 2007 World Judo Championships in Rio de Janeiro , Brazil , he became the youngest ever senior world champion when he won the heavyweight (+ 100 kg) event , defeating the 2000 Olympic gold medallist , Kosei Inoue of Japan , in the semi @-@ final .

At the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing , China , Riner competed in the men 's heavyweight event . He received a bye into the second round of the competition before beating Anis Chedli of Tunisia and Kazakhstan 's Yeldos Ikhsangaliyev to advance to the semi @-@ finals . In the semis he was beaten by Uzbek judoka Abdullo Tangriev on the golden score , meaning Riner had to enter the repechage rounds . In the repechage he defeated Andreas Tölzer and João Schlittler to reach a bronze medal final against Lasha Gujejiani of Georgia ; Riner took the bronze medal by a score of one ippon , one yuko and one koka to nil . In December 2008 he won his second World Championship gold medal at the Open weight Championships held in Levallois @-@ Perret , France , by beating Alexander Mikhaylin of Russia in the final .

Riner won his third world title at the 2009 World Championships in Rotterdam , the Netherlands . He won bouts against Daniel McCormick , Vladimirs Osnachs , Ivan Iliev and Martin Padar in the pool stage before beating Marius Pa?kevi?ius in the semi @-@ finals and Oscar Bryson in the final to take the gold medal .

In 2010 , he won two medals , a gold and a silver , at the World Championships in Tokyo . After winning the + 100 competition Riner was defeated by Daiki Kamikawa of Japan in the final of open weight class by a 2 ? 1 judge 's decision . After the bout , Riner refused to bow or to shake Kamikawa 's hand , claiming that he " was robbed " .

Riner won his second European gold medal at the 2011 Championships in Istanbul , Turkey . He defeated Nodor Metreveli , Emil Tahirov and Zohar Asaf to win Pool A of the + 100 kg competition before defeating Estonian Martin Padar in the semi @-@ finals and Barna Bor of Hungary in the final to win the title . At the 2011 World Judo Championships in Paris Riner won the gold medal in men 's + 100 kg division , beating Germany 's Tölzer in the final . The result meant that Riner became the first ever male Judoka to win five world titles . He won his sixth World Championship gold medal as part of the French side that won the team event .

Riner was selected to compete for France at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London , England in the men 's heavyweight event . The event took place at ExCeL London on 3 August . Riner won the gold medal by defeating Russia 's Alexander Mikhaylin in the final .

Teddy Riner registered during his career only eight defeats in international championship elite : He

lost to Brayson and Toelzer in 2006 , to Bianchessi and Rybak in 2007 and to Muneta and Vuijsters in 2008 . The last two defeats he had in the 3rd round of the competition (heavyweight) of the Olympics of 2008 in front of Abdullo Tangriev before obtaining the bronze medal , and on 13 September 2010 for the title " any categories " of the world of Tokyo in front of Daiki Kamikawa , his last defeat in date , followed by a series of 103 victories (the last won in Grand Prix Jeju , on 28 November 2015) .

= = Awards = =

2008 Chevalier de l 'ordre national du Mérite

2011 RTL Champion of Champions ? This annual sports award was inaugurated in 2008 and is awarded by RTL , a French commercial radio network . The previous winners were Alain Bernard (2008) , Sébastien Loeb (2009) and Christophe Lemaitre (2010) .

2012 L 'Équipe Champion of Champions (France male category)

2013 Chevalier de la Légion d 'honneur