Olympic style: Victoria Pendleton

With the up and coming Olympics in London this summer, all eyes are on the athletes taking part. Being an avid cyclist as well as a Style Advisor for A Suit That Fits I couldn’t help but notice Victoria Pendleton. Pendleton is a British track cyclist and the reigning Olympic and World Champion, not to mention a very snappy dresser.

With her status as Olympic champion and the up and coming games we’ve been seeing a lot of this lady and she has not disappointed. Pendleton is a great lover of mixing up separates, the perfect way to extend and give variety to your wardrobe.

Here it looks like Victoria is doing a bit of a ‘Kate Moss,’ wearing a dinner jacket with jeans and knee high boots. This photo was taken at the promotional event for her ladies bicycle range, the peaked labels teamed with the smart blouse keep the look glamorous while the jeans and boots give it an outdoorsy feel, perfect for a pro-cyclist.

Another great example of Victoria Pendleton mixing ladies suit jackets with separates is a shot of her at a recent photo call. Again she’s sporting a peaked lapel, this time in the form of a silver metallic number. She’s gone with a single button which works well with her petite frame but something I wouldn’t recommend for ladies with a little more up top. If you have large bust a two or three jacket is a much more flattering look. Pendleton has teamed this jacket with a a slim fit high waisted pencil skirt and silk long sleeve blouse. This idea of casual smart is the very essence of Victoria’s look and something that can work well on all of us. Go for one statement piece or smart item and team it with classic more simple separates. This keeps you looking smart while allowing your statement piece to let your personality shine through.

In my mind though my favourite look of Victoria Pendleton’s is the one she donned for a recent photo shoot, technically not her own but great all the same. Here she is pictured riding a vintage looking bike, completing the look with a vintage outfit. It is probably my love of a very nipped in waists and an extreme hourglass shape that drew me to this outfit. It might also have something to do with my love of vintage bikes! This silhouette looks great on curvy and athletic women alike provide you follow some simple rules. If you’re curvy go with an ultra fitted look with a high waisted pencil skirt. Make sure that there's not a scrap of excess cloth on your waist though, keeping the skirt on or just above the knee.

On the other end of the scale, if you have small hips and a small bust you can cut your skirt a little lower. I would advice going with an umbrella or A-line skirt and wider peaked lapels on your jacket. If you pair this with a very nipped in waist it will give you the illusion of an hourglass figure.