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This is it! Here we are! We have been expecting that for four years. The Games are here. In a few days. We hold our breath with two important dates in mind: August 18th and 20th. As for several months, several years, Trimax-Magazine has been behind triathletes with very impressive fights and very beautiful medals into perspective.

In the rest of the magazine, we will focus on many subjects of actuality with many races, the season is in full swing to our delight.

And how not to speak about this incredible record of Jan Frodeno, another myth who came to do an monstrous time in Roth. The German makes history of triathlon after being Olympic Champion and winner of Hawaii.

We won't forget the undeniable long distances with the Alpe d'Huez, Marseille for France but also Challenge races or the IM European Championships in Frankfurt.

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Challenge Aruba: an invitation to a dream



Challenge Aruba Half Triathlon will take place for the first time ever this fall in Aruba offering athletes a chance to end their triathlor season with a race – and vacation – in paradise



coasts of Aruba extends miles of nymous with Aruba. beaches that have been named

slice of heaven, Aruba some of the best in the world. is located 15 miles nor- Between coasts lies Arikok Nath of Venezuela in the tional Park – a nature preserve warm waters of the southern - which offers striking vistas Caribbean. Characterized by of rugged shoreline, wildlife, pristine white-sand beaches cacti and dramatic rock formaand 82-degree days, Aruba is sitions. On the northeast shore, tuated just below the hurricane fofoti trees abound. Constant belt, resulting in a dry, warm trade winds have permanentclimate, with the most sunny ly sculpted them into graceful, days of any island in the Ca-southwesterly bending forms, ribbean. On the south and west creating iconic imagery syno-

While the island and weather are perfect, Aruba's friendly multicultural inhabitants provide the flavor for an unforgettable trip. What began as a fishing outpost for Amerindians is now a diverse constituent country of the Netherlands. Dutch and the local language of Papiamento are the official languages of Aruba, but most Arubans speak a minimum of four languages, including English and Spanish. Aruba's rich, multicultural



past is also reflected in the cuisine, with local dishes like gouda-glazed 'keshi yena' joining South American, European and Caribbean favorites on menus around the island. Brightly colored dwellings dot the landscape, as both locals and visitors alike enjoy museums, art galleries, vibrant nightlife, spas, and weekly Bon Bini and Caribbean festivals. And of course, adventure sports. Aruba is an active island, and was recognized as one of the top wreck diving destinations in the Caribbean by Scuba Diving Magazine. Thanks to constant trade winds, Aruba is a world-class destination for windsurfing and kitesurfing. But there's more - tee off on a championship golf course, saddle up on horseback, and hike across the island, discovering the island's fascinating natural wonders.

Aruba's beauty has inspired many pro-athletes to end their triathlon season with a race in paradise. Yvonne van Vlerken, world record setter for Ironman-distance triathlon races, and the only female triathlete to have gone sub 9 hours 10x at the full iron distance will be joined by athletes Heather Jackson, Linsey Corbin, Joe Gambles, Davide Giardini, Per Bittner, Lionel Sanders, Chris McDonald, Miriam Ward, Lisa Norden and Julie Weiss. These triathletes, from all around the world, embody the perseverance and dedication it takes to be a triathlete. World Champions, record setter's, and record breaker's, racing alongside these athletes is a oncein-a-lifetime opportunity. Their involvement in Challenge Aruba speaks to both the beauty of Aruba and the challenge athletes will face at the inaugural half-triathlon. Challenge Aruba is also extremely proud to announce that two triathlon legends will serve as ambassadors. Belgian triathlete and motivational speaker Marc Herremans, as well as two-time Ironman Championship winner Tim DeBoom, will be giving seminars throughout the event and will be present on race-day to cheer you on.

FOCUS RACE

These pro athletes will be racing through a course that stands out for its speed, variation and control, as well as the remarkable beauty that will define Challenge Aruba for triathlons to come. Offering both a Half Triathlon distance and a Sprint Triathlon distance (perfect for first time triathletes), both events take place on the same course, modified



for the various distances. The swim portion is a Aruba's famous lighthouse, before following the single lap course in the crystal clear blue Caribbean coast back to Palm Beach. Sea, starting and ending on the world famous Palm north to the area of Malmok, Arashi Beach and the course alternates between the boulevard (The

Beach, where athletes will then mount their bikes
The running segment of Challenge Aruba is flat, and complete either one or four 22,5 km laps along fast and beautiful. The course is entirely along the coast. Continuing along Eagle Beach, one of the the white beaches of Aruba. One 7 km lap for the most stunning beaches of Aruba, competitors head Sprint Event or three 7 km laps for the Half Event,



Strip) and beach path in front of the exclusive hotels of Aruba that line the Palm Beach Area. The finish line will be located on the boulevard at The Hyatt Regency Resort.

Challenge Aruba is sure to be an amazing event. A spectacular location, an impressive list of pro athletes and the backing of the Challenge Family ensure an inaugural race for the ages.

To learn more, and to register, visit Challenge Aruba's website atwww.challenge-aruba.com



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The end of a cycle for Javier Gomez



he news broke. A news among others. On our time line. Twitter, Facebook or Internet. javier Gomez won't participate in the Olympic Games of Rio. Injured in the arm after a harmless fall on the bike. The news broke but it's a blast. The one that I consider as one of the three main triathletes of all time, as a legend, won't go to the Games. The one who was silver medalist four years ago, between the Brownlee brothers. The one who was five times world champion on short distance, and 70.3 also.

We cannot be happy of such a news. Because the life of an athlete, even more a short distance triathlete, is turned towards the Games. Four years of preparation which go away. It's terrible for an athlete.

But this absence redistributes power. Because Gomez out means a huge leader out. And it can be beneficial to Vincent Luis and Pierre Le Corre. Why? Out of the water, if they are with the Bownlee, the two other big favorites, there will only be one top guy to leave behind: Mario Mola. If Mola is eliminated once the beginning of the bike, they will be four for three medals with two French: the brothers, Vincent and Pierre. This is the theory. This is what we hope. But with Gomez out, it's an additional chance of medal. The Blues know it even if they will tell you that they will do their own race, whoever is facing them.

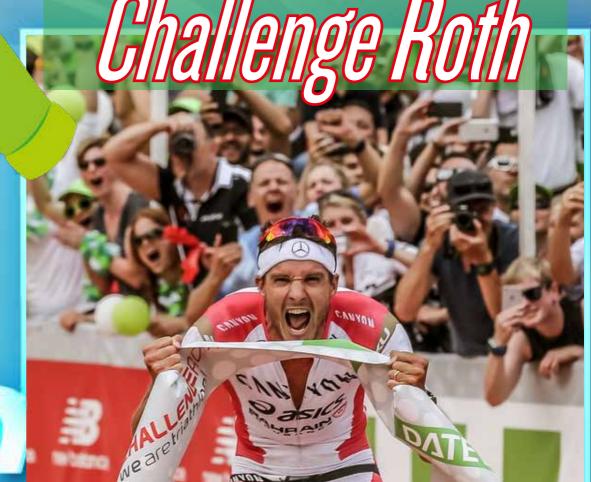
ROKA GOMEZ ESP

And beyond the Games, what of Gomez, what of his future? Will he come back to WTS or does this injury mean the end of his huge carrier on short distance? I would say the second solution. The one who was said to do Hawaii after the Games will probably continue his carrier in the IM distance to try to imitate Jan Frodeno. Will he be as strong? He is according to me the only triathlete able to imitate the German. This is what we can wish to Javier Gomez after this hard time. He may be a winner in Hawaii but what is sure is that he will never be Olympic Champion.



Ironman Frankfort





the major pattles!

This year, we didn't see the all-German battle between the all-category champion Jan Frodeno and the one who often became his runner-up Sebastian Kienle. While the IM world champion had decided to race in Roth to try to beat the world record of the distance of another German, Andreas Realert in 7:41:33, the 2015 IM world champion was true to the IM European Championships in Frankfort. A dual which didn't take place physically but which made these two races interesting for this battle at a distance.



ebastian Kienle and Andreas Boecherer nailed a phenomenal race at the 2016 Mainova IRONMAN European Championship Frankfurt, where Kienle ran to his second European title after winning in 2014.

One year after a thrilling courserecord show with IRONMAN world champion Jan Frodeno, this time, Germans Sebastian Kienle and Andreas Boecherer highlighted a historical event with an unbelievable battle. This race was the best possible gift to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the event. «I didn't believe that Andi would be able to run a sub 2:50 or even next to 2:50, he absolutely proved me wrong today,» said Kienle later after a classic showdown on the run course.





Even before the race. Boecherer was one of the men expected to rule the race early in the water. Besides Estonian Marko Albert, Frenchman Denis Chevrot and American Tim O'Donnell, the fast German swimmer set the pace in the lead group from the get-go. Although there were good swimmers lined up at the front in the Lake Langener Waldsee, the pace was not exceptionally fast, due

to the 23.8 degrees Celsius water temperature and non wetsuit-legal swim (for pros).

Albert led the field into second lap together with water due to the fact that he was four minutes down. Boecherer, before the German felt a bit cold and couldn't follow the Estonian's pace in the second my bike and especially with the run, who said later. The lap. Albert hit T2 after 48:12, and the lead group had an unexpectedly long tail. Boecherer was the was because the rest of his performance was purely last athlete of this first group to exit the water (in magic to watch. 13th place).

2014 IRONMAN European champion Sebastian Kienle was not happy with his performance in the «My swim was not good today but I'm really happy with reason why he was smiling at the press conference Once on the bike, Kienle hit the gas and started making up time on the flat first part of the bike course. After only 30 kilometers he had already reduced the gap down to the half, and by 60 km, he was only about a minute behind the leader. Obviously, the 31-year-old went through the course with smart tactics. When he caught up with the lead group he didn't hammer to the front immediately, but stayed relaxed and controlled. Even when he saw his chain falling off a few kilometers later and had to stop setting the pace at the front of the first group, he didn't panic.

On the second bike lap, the German uberbiker took over the lead role in a tough trio with Boecherer

and 2013 IRONMAN European champion, Eneko Llanos. While the rest of the pro field lost contact to these three, they started into a hard marathon battle. Llanos, known as one of the most consistent marathoners in the sport, couldn't follow the pace of his two German contenders; Kienle and Boecherer's average pace was nothing short of crazy. Kienle never gave up the lead and eventually opened up a gap of 100 seconds with 9 kilometers to go. Boecherer performed the marathon of his life getting very close to Kienle over the final kilometers.

Kienle made the final turn to the Roemer in first place taking an exhausting, glorious win, with



Boecherer just 57 seconds behind him. «I never had a better second place,» said Boecherer, «this doesn't feel like second.» Llanos fought hard to come back from the run, eventually making a decisive pass for third place ahead of Marko Albert and the fastest runner of the day, Will Clarke. American Tim O'Donnell had a tough day at the office including a bike crash after leaving transition. He started into the run in 11th place and finally secured his Kona spot with a 9:12:58 finish time.

Women's race Hauschildt runs to the **European crown**

Australia's Melissa Hauschildt took a shining win at the 2016 Mainova IRONMAN European Championship. While top favorite Daniela Ryf had to drop out, the 33-year old ran to a great victory. In the women's race, no one was even thinking about anyone other than Daniela Ryf. And at the start, the day seemed to proove all of the predictions right. Only a few minutes into the 2016 Mainova IRONMAN European Championship,

the Swiss had already set her sails for another great title. «The first few meters in the water were extremely good,» said the reigning IRONMAN world champion.

When the pro women started into the European championship two minutes after the pro men, Ryf seemed to be heading into her own race, as she started catching the male pros on the first lap. But all of a sudden, Ryf slowed down on the second lap and started to swim some strokes on her back. «I felt really really cold,» she told the media at the post-race press conference.

«My goal was to get as fast out of the water as possible,» Ryf said. She still managed the best swim in 53:45, more than two minutes ahead of Germany's Natascha Schmitt. But the 29-year-old was moving slow when she came out of the water. She needed a long time in the transition zone, and when she started onto the bike course, her problems became bigger. «I haven't been able to stay in the aero-positon,» Ryf said. «It was not my day—it was more about a survival than about a race.» After less than 30 kilometers, she dropped out of the race.

Ryf's decision not to continue left Schmitt in the main spot. The local hero from Frankfurt passed thousands of familiar faces during a great bike ride. «The bike leg was more or less relaxed,» she said later after having set the best split. «The crowd was on my side, absolutely fantastic.» Starting into the marathon, Schmitt had

Top 10 males :				
1. Kienle Sebastian 2. Boecherer, Andi	GER GER	07:52:43 07:53:40		
3. Llanos Eneko	ESP	08:09:08		
4. Albert Marko 5. Clarke Will	EST GBR	08:11:38 08:14:56		
6. Kramer Christian	GER	08:18:14		
7. Chevrot Denis 8. Billard Bertrand	FRA FRA	08:19:59 08:26:27		
9. Duelsen Marc 10. Ackermann Johann	GER	08:26:59 08:31:06		
IV. ACKELIIIAIIII JOIIAIIII	GER	00.51:00		



a 5-minute lead over Germany's Daniela Saemmler, with Australia's Melissa Hauschildt 6:30 down. Verena Walter held onto fourth almost 8 minutes back. It took Hauschildt less than three kilometers to claim the runner-up position, with Schmitt looking quite strong in first place.



It was the day of the not-so-well trained marathoners in women's competition. Due to injuries, most of the top five pros had to reduce their training to a minimum preparing for the 2016 Mainova IRONMAN European Championship. «I saw a big question mark coming up after 20 kilometers,» said Schmitt after not being able to run more than 20 kilometers over the past few weeks. Compatriot Saemmler later had a similar quote about her run. «I wasn't sure if I could run a marathon,» she



said. «I felt happy for the first time today at km 41.5.»

Hauschildt was gaining time on Schmitt with every single kilometer, and shortly before they hit the 20 kilometer mark, the 2015 IRONMAN Asia-Pacific champion made the pass. «I tried to pace myself, running not too hard. I was only running for four weeks before this race,» said the 33-yearold. «I really wanted to win because I really wanted to qualify for Kona.» The Australian eventually was allowed to make this dream come true thanks to

<pre>Top 10 females :</pre>				
1. Hauschildt Melissa	AUS	6. Castro Nogueira Saleta	ESP	
	09:01:17		09:22:41	
2. Konschak Katja	GER	7. Duke Dinity-Lee	AUS	
	09:09:58		09:30:48	
3. Saemmler Daniela	GER	8. Grohmann Katharina	GER	
	09:13:23		09:31:54	
4. Schmitt Natascha	GER	9. Steurer Bianca	AUT	
	09:16:40		09:37:59	
5. Walter Verena	GER	10. Krejcova Petra	CZE	
	09:18:58		09:45:13	

«The black carpet on the way to the finish line was just amazing.»

experience. When she started into the run, the German was more than 15 minutes behind the lead. Then she nailed the best run split with a 2:57 marathon and stormed into second place. «I'm not sure if I can believe it,» she said right after the race, «my run was really fast, it was such a good race.» Five kilometers away from the finish line she took over silver position from Saemmler, who had passed long-term leader Schmitt at the 32 kilometer mark.

a great performance scratching the 9-hour barrier. While Hauschildt started to celebrate her great win right after she had crossed the finish line, it might take Katja Konschak a few more days to soak up this 2016 Mainova IRONMAN European championship



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an Frodeno presented DATEV Challenge Roth with the best 15th anniversary present possible – a sensational world record over the 226km distance. Frodeno's time of 7:35:39 undercut Andreas Raelert's former record of 7:41:33 by almost six minutes on the same course.

Frodeno announced half a year ago that he had Raelert's record in his sights at DATEV Challenge

Roth. And when a man of this calibre announces something then in his own words, "you do everything possible to make it happen".

On the day the 2008 Olympic Champion and current World Champion not only faced the largest field on the long distance triathlon circuit but also perfect conditions: high cloud, warm temperatures and practically no wind.



Find the video clip Challenge Roth ...

Frodeno led from the start in a race against the clock although it was not lonely. Hundreds of thousands cheered him on towards his new world record as he became the first male world champion to win at Roth. Frodeno was in a class of his own in the swim and also had no competition on the bike, despite a trip into a ditch on the second lap. "But that probably brought me more time thanks to the extra adrenaline surge I got from the crash," said Frodeno afterwards.



During the run he experienced "many highs and lows" in the final kilometres but in the end, it was the highs that prevailed. And in his first interview at the finish line he said, "Now I understand why this is the greatest of all races".

Frodeno's history-making win was further emphasised by his lead on his competition. The United Kingdom's Joe Skipper was more than 20 minutes behind the champion in 7:56:23 while last year's defending champion, Nils Frommhold earned third, also coming under the eight-hour mark in 7:57:59.

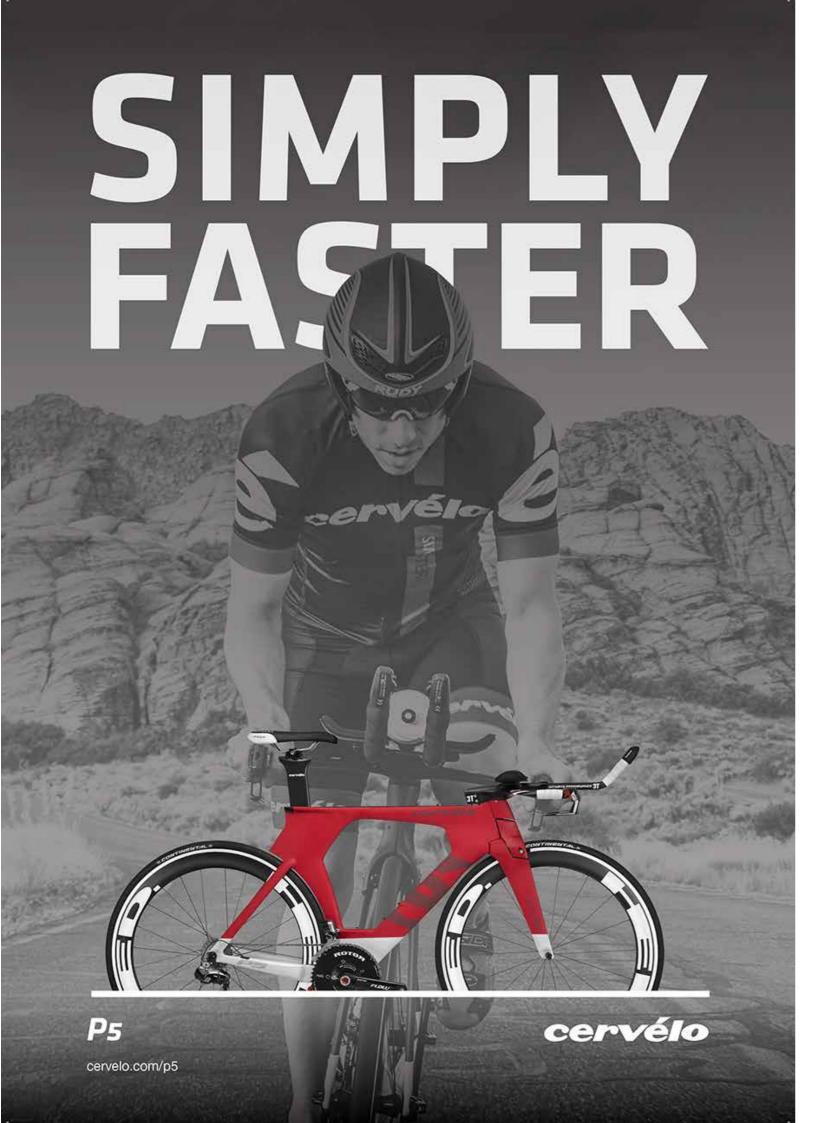
Women's race : Daniela Ryf takes win at DATEV Challenge Roth

Daniela Ryf (SUI) has taken out the top title at her first Challenge Roth with the third fastest women's time ever achieved over triathlon's long distance.

Michelle Vesterby







The current world champion dominated from start to finish, taking the win in 8:22:04 and achieved the third best time ever on the long distance of 3.8 km swim, 180 km bike and a 42.195 km marathon.

She almost achieved the fairy-tale ending, but couldn't quite beat the incomparable Chrissie Wellington's world record time of 8:18:13, set in 2011. Wellington,





running a casual 10km with her energetic finish line dance!

Just how dominant Ryf was is illustrated by the time she had over her competitors. Carrie Lester (AUS) delivered a second-place finish with a personal best of 8:42:13 hours which was still 20

the sidelines during the race, did however have some concern for her world record. Daniela Ryf was nearly ten minutes faster on the bike course than the British athlete but she failed to match Wellington's blistering marathon pace. "I hope to come back again" she said at the finish line and gave everyone the impression that she just finished

who was spectating on

minutes after the winner. Lester claimed the same position as last year, although was 11 minutes faster, and demoted defending champion, Yvonne van Vlerken (8:49:35 hours) to third place. British athlete, Laura Siddall, rounded out the top four women coming in under nine hours with a time of 8:51:59 hours.





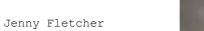
Top 10 males :

1. Frodeno Jan	(GER)	07:35:39
2. Skipper Joe	(GBR)	07:56:23
3. Frommhold, Nils	(GER)	07:57:49
4. Viennot, Cyril	(FRA)	08:02:44
5. Kastelein Nick	(AUS)	08:05:03
6. Butterfield Tyler	(BER)	08:18:39
7. Rahn Fabian	(GER)	08:20:11
8. Bittner, Per	(GER)	08:21:28
9. Raphael, Jan	(GER)	08:24:55
10. Heining, Tobias	(GER)	08:26:43



Nils Frommhold







Top 10 females :



1. Ryf Daniela	(SUI)	08:22:04
2. Lester Carrie	(AUS)	08:42:13
3. Van Vlerken Yvonne	(NED)	08:49:35
4. Siddall Laura	(GBR)	08:51:59
5. Beranek Anja	(GER)	09:00:20
6. Vesterby Michelle	(DEN)	09:04:32
7. Fleming Jessica	(AUS)	09:16:54
8. Csomor Erika	(HUN)	09:24:52
9. Hill Meredith	(AUS)	09:27:37
10. Duffield Michelle	(AUS)	09:33:4



The famous Hill climb Solar Black World





Andi Dreitz sets new course record at Challenge Denmark



he 27-year-old German super-athlete Andreas Dreitz raced his heart out at Challenge Denmark. Despite a rough start he managed to overtake Danish Henrik Hyldelund on the run and secure a new course record for the Billund-Herning half distance.

- I feel amazing, he said to the presenter after crossing the finish line at 3 hours and 49 seconds.

STORY

Andreas, better know as Andi, was favored ahead of the start, and despite being a shocking number nine out of the water, he managed to up his game and leave T2 as second.

- Everything was really well organized this morning, and maybe I was a bit too relaxed, because I had some trouble getting started. But I had a phenomenal bike ride. Henrik made it really fast, so I tried to catch him, but he made it through to the run first. Thankfully my legs were good.

Andi ran like the wind and flew past 30-year-old Hyldelund, making a four-minute and 50 second gap for the win.

The top three female pro-athletes had a close race on the half distance. British Cathrine Emma



Jameson started out in the lead, but last year's winner Danish Michelle Vesterby caught up to her on the run. On the last lap the up-and-coming Danish pro Maya Stage Nielsen tricked everyone and won the title.



New Nordic Champion's secure in their win

On the full distance Mirjam Weerd from the Netherlands won the new Nordic title by a leap with the time 9:08. Danish Anne Jensen arrived as second 25 minutes and 48 seconds later followed by British Frankie Sanhana. Mirjam Weerd got emotional at the finish line and expressed her



surprise at

the amount of support she felt along the route.

- This was my all-time best swim, and I just loved racing in front of all these cheering people, she said.

Danish Chris Fischer secured his title from last year by winning the men's long distance race. Despite juggling family, work, and a professional triathlon career he outdid himself and scored a new course record. Winning this year had the added bonus of being the Nordic Championship, hence the Viking-trophies they were awarded.

- I'm so grateful for the support of my family. Without them this would not be possible, Chris Fischer said.

He left the water as number 6, but as soon as

Half distance females :

1.Maja Stage Nielsen DEN 4:30:07 2.Michelle Vesterby DEN 4:30:48 3.Cathrine Emma Jameson GBR 4:33:06 he jumped on the bike Chris Fischer flew past the competition and won by 4 minutes and 40 seconds to German Matthias Knossalla. Danish Anders Christensen finished third.



Half distance males :

1. Andreas Dreiz GER 3:49:17
2. Henrik Hyldelund DEN 3:54:06

3. Will Clarke GBR 3:56:03



<u>Full distance - males</u> (championnats nordiques LD):

1. Chris Fischer DEN 8:14:25
2. Matthias Knossalla GER 8:19:04

3. Anders Christensen DEN 8:29:25

<u>Full distance - Females</u> (championnats nordiques LD):

1. Mirjam Weerd NED 9:08:56
2. Anne Jensen DEN 9:34:44

3. Frankie Sanjana GBR 10:16:12



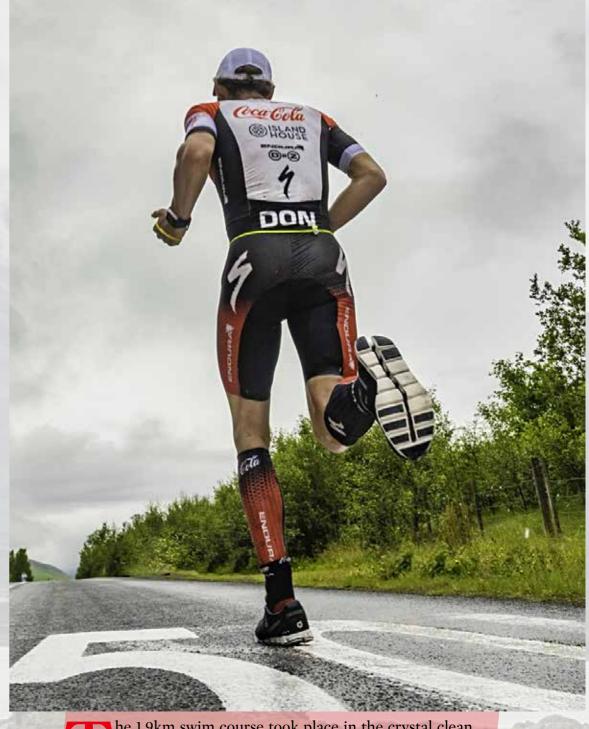




A magnificient landscape for a atypical race...



Situated in the stunning "Bay of Whales" in Iceland, the world's northernmost half distance triathlon race, CHALLENGEICELAND, took place on Saturday 23 July 2016.



he 1.9km swim course took place in the crystal clean Meðalfellsvatn fresh water lake (temperature was 15C), and the one loop 90km bike race with rolling hills and short climbs on the old main road of Hvalfjörður is one the most iconic bike routes in Iceland (total elevation 920m). Another beautiful country road with long hills of Kjós was the scene for the two lap 21.1 km run course.

Race organizers Race Makers Iceland together with over 75 volunteers have worked together in conjunction with Kjós municipality, the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and a number of partners including Gló Street Food, Hammer Nutrition, Norðurál, Höldur Bílaleiga Akureyrar, WOW air, Grand Hótel, Reykjavík Excursions and many others, to make CHALLENGEICELAND a reality.

Women

Heather Wurtele of Canada came 1st in 4:24:00 with a 4:21 margin over 2nd Radka Vodickova of the Czech Republic and 8:14 over 3rd place finisher Haley Chura of the U.S.

Wurtele's victory was her 5th HALF distance win of the year which includes a win at the Ironman 70.3 North American Championship in St. George, Utah and comes after a 2nd place finish at the 2015 Ironman 70.3 Worlds and a win at St. George 70.3 last year.

Men

Kevin Collington of the U.S. came 1st only 17 seconds ahead of 2nd Giulio Molinari of Italy and 3:16 over 3rd place Justin Metzler of the U.S., who closed fast with a race-best 1:15:13 half marathon.

Collington's win was his second of the year after victory at Ironman 70.3 Busan. He also took 3rd at Ironman Brazil, 4th at St. George 70.3 and 3rd at Ironman 70.3 Uruguay.







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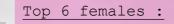
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Top 6 males :

1.	Kevin Collington (USA)	4:00:15
2.	Giulio Molinari (ITA)	4:00:32
3.	Justin Metzler (USA)	4:03:31
4.	Tim Don (GBR)	4:08:03
5.	Allan Olesen (DEN)	4:08:47
6.	Brad Williams (USA)	4:11:01







1. Heather Wurtele (CAN)

4:24:00

2. Radka Vodickova (CZE)

4:28:21

3. Haley Chura (USA)

4:32:14

4. Tine Deckers (BEL)

4:36:02

5. Carina Brechters (GER)

4:39:36

6. Jennifer Fletcher (USA)

5:14:50





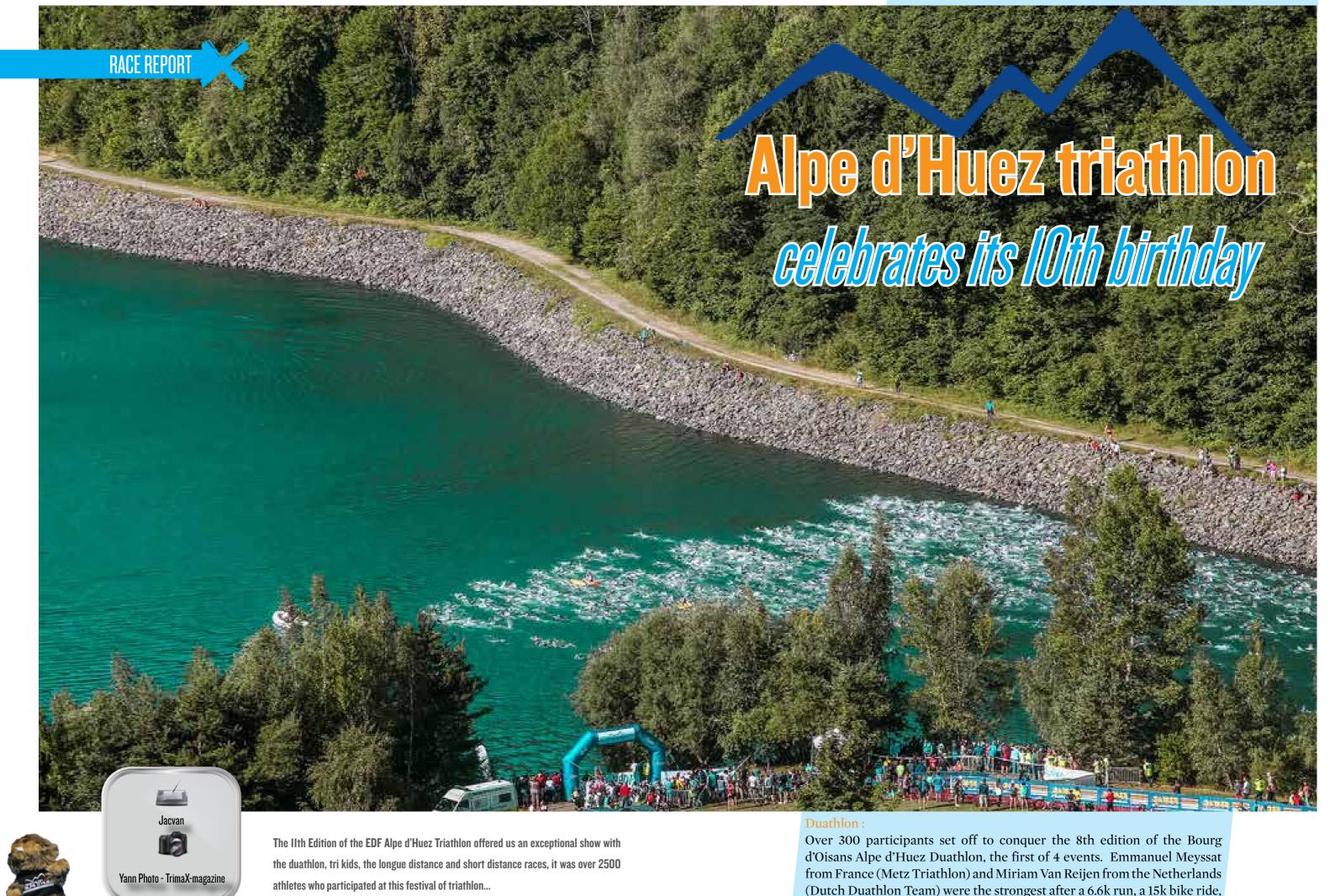












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and a 2.5k run. Congratulations to them and all participants!

RACE REPORT

Emmanuel Meyssat: "it's a real pleasure and a privilege to take part in this race. The Alpe d'Huez is a legendary course, winning here is obviously very special. I like to diversify my training by doing duathlon, is there a better place to do it in these conditions?"

Miriam Van Reijen: "I am very happy with this win. It was extremely hot in the Bourg d'Oisans valley. I decided to manage the first part of the race, and once I overtook Jessica on the bike, I tried to take the biggest lead possible before the second run. I felt better and better throughout the race, it could not have gone better!"



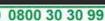


Triathlon LD:

Over a 1000 athletes lined up on the starting line at 9:30 in the Lac du Verney, the water was 16° (take note participants the Triathlon M!). The crowd was definitely loud under this beautiful sun, it created a joyful and cheerful atmosphere, gown with the performance of the winners of the day Cunnama (South Africa) and Jeanne Collonge (France).







Information consommateurs: N° Vert 0800 30 30 99 du lundi au vendredi de 9h à 19h, sans interruption



James Cunnama – 1st (South Africa)

I am really happy. I come here every year, and every time I have been running in circle trying to find this victory. The experience of the race has really me helped me manage my pace. It is an iconic triathlon, an exceptional race. I like it's authenticity: you always find your limits here, each discipline is very demanding. The crowd in the villages, the climb and the run really surprised me. The atmosphere was awesome. It is one of those race that you need to do once in your life.



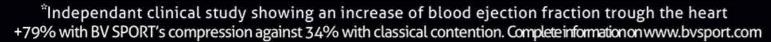


Jeanne Collonge – 1st (France)

This victory is an achievement for me. It is my 3rd participation, and I was committed to win. Knowing that Lucy was here, I had to be strong. I didn't really have a strategy besides biking as hard as possible in the climb. At the top of the Alpe du Grand-Serre, when I overtook

Lucy, the only thing I thought about was creating the biggest gap. In August, I will take part in Embrun... Wining today was a massive confidence boost. About the race, I love the mountains, and the Alpe d'Huez is a myth!





RACE REPORT

Short distance triathlon:

The 1180 participants took the start with an amazing environment. Dan Wilson from Australia and Andrea Hewitt from New Zeeland established themselves as the leaders. Here are the impression of the winners. We had 6 nationalities on the podium!

Dan Wilson (Australia) / 1st:

It is an incredible race. I have been able to attend for the last 4 years, It is not always easy to fit it into my schedule. If I could, I would come every year! This time, I took the opportunity. I had great legs today, one of my best run here. But it is also the combination of the push during the bike race. I am delighted.

Andrea Hewitt (New Zeeland) / 1st

It was my first time at the Alpe d'Huez. I found it gorgeous. It is very different than the France Grand Prix. It is also my first race without drafting, and my first race with that many people! I love climbing, even at home, but there mainly about 20

minutes, I have to say today was a new experience!





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DUATHLON AND KIDS





Top 5 males:

1.Emmanuel MEYSSAT 1:27:50

2. Seppe ODEYN

1:28'25
3. Eric LEBLACHER

1:29:25

4. Frédéric FRECH 1:29:50

5. Ryan CHRISTIAN 1:30:45









Top 5 females:

1. VAN REIJEN Miriam 01:40:24

2. GAY-PAGEON Marion 01:45:34

3. OOSTERLO Jessica 01:46:42

4. LAHEURTE Avril 01:50:55

5. DAHAN CARLA

01:57:31









FULL DISTANCE



Top 10 males :

1.	CUNNAMA James	05:58:02	6. PALMER Martin	06:15:30
2.	VAN HOUTEM Timothy	06:00:07	7. DEFILLIPIS Scott	06:16:14
3.	VAN LUYCK MAN Sven	06:05:00	8. PHILLIPS Mike	06:17:09
4.	MERINO ALAMINOS Erik	06:14:18	9. BELGY Guillaume	06:20:01
5.	AGIRRESAROBE Aimar	06:15:16	10. ARROS Colin	06:20:27



Top 10 females:

1. COLLONGE Jeanne 06:33:32

2.GOSSAGE Lucy 06:37:31

3.EDWARDS Parys

06:53:11

4.ROBERTS Lisa

06:58:40

5.DERRON Nina

07:10:18

6.BOUSREZ Céline

07:12:13

7.ADAM Stéphanie

07:17:24

8.HERNANDEZ CASAHUGA Ester

07:20:17

9.BROWN Brooke

07:35:26

10.FROEHLICH Hélène

07:38:17



















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SHORT DISTANCE

Top 10 females :

1. HEWITT Andrea

02:01:10

2. MERLE Audrey

02:12:25

3. NOGUERA RAJA Anna

02:14:15

4.BENEDICTO Juliette

02:14:52

02:20:06

5. FORSTNER Renate

6. COUCKUYT Ine

02:20:13

7. ZIEMONS Kristina

02:22:33

8. LEGRAND Marion

02:23:38

9. LOPEZ Caroline 02:23:54

10. YNDESTAD Cathy

02:26:02



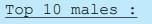












1. WILSON Dan	01:51:28
2. VAN HEMEL Tim	01:55:07
3. BOCHERER Andi	01:55:40
4. GUERBEUR Nathan	01:55:50
5. HUEBER MOOSBRUGGER Maxime	01:56:34
6. ROBERTS Fergus	01:56:50
7. MOULAI Tony	01:57:50
8. FAURE Hervé	01:57:50
9. VERAMME Koen	01:57:57
10. MARGIRIER Mathis	01:59:24









Some athletes may have seen their model in the painful climb of the Gineste, shared the suffering of the future winner, all of them raised evebrows in front of the Marseille Triathlon setting. A treat under a stifling heat. Legs are heavy, muscles are paralyzed, sometimes gazing into space or staring at a contender, improbable ally in the search for a second wind. A family who is integral in adversity. The conviviality in surpassing oneself, this is what CarmaSport and its director Laurent Courbon support. Yes, the Marseille Triathlon is also that. On the finish line, it's useless to dwell on the ranking. «What is the most exiting on this event is to be there. Simply. What an atmosphere! And the children are also here», says anonymous.







A little bit further, a bottle a water casually poured on his head, Romain Garcin enjoys his 11th place, after entering as a pro a few months before.

«Marseille has become unavoidable. The organization has succeeded the management of a nice event made of simplicity. Not too much», says this athlete. With or without the Ironman label, the thousand athletes is seduced. «Smooth sea, wind at the top of the Gineste, heat, a sprint on the finish line for fun, this is triathlon», says the triathlete from Vitrolles, Mathieu Pagini. Exquisite bonus: crossing the elite athletes... who are one lap ahead of you. «Talking to them is a chance. This is a special Unforgettable, moment.» probably.





A bomb passes: Anthony Pujades, launched as a metronome who also enjoyed his day on this 31st of July. «This is a real pleasure. A pleasure to live such a thing for the first time in la Gineste. Victory is here, at home. This is a good way to end a good week.» And Sylvain Sudrie saluted again the organization: «There are not many triathlons anymore now in big cities, so we take advantage of every minute. I like these old-fashioned triathlons, without calculation, without business but with the heart and a family spirit.» Solid on the bike, dominating in the water, confident on the run, everybody found his pleasure on this 4th edition. All of them earned respect, all have offered their most beautiful smiles on the photo finish. The crowd on the Prado Beaches didn't ask for more. Refreshing and so true. The Marseille Triathlon has captured the minds and the organization succeeds its crazy bet of highlighting a thousand of champions.

3000810... Laurent Courbon: « a wonderful showcase of Marseille and its values»

Co-organizer of the Triathlon and director of CarmaSport, he has big ambitions for this event in Marseille.

TrimaX-magazine: What does this event represent for you?

I'm very proud to be able to enhance my sport in my city. Marseille has a big history, a very strong link with triathlon. Big champions have already raced here. Twenty years ago, it was a mandatory race for them. The 4th edition, registered in the perspective of Marseille-Provence, sports capital in 2017, will remain special because the organization that we shared with the Sardines Triathlon was made without the help of the Ironman label who didn't want to focus on short distances. More than 900 triathletes were present to make it a success.

This is also our job to offer a big sports event to everyone in Marseille. Making this event a multiactivity meeting, this is the goal before looking further towards the setting of a long distance triathlon. We are very ambitious. .

TrimaX-magazine: Conviviality seems to be the keyword in Marseille. Is it where you

For CarmaSport, it is the center of the project. Full families must have access to the Marseille Triathlon. Children bring an additional soul, a rare moment of sharing around animations. Promoting the values of Marseille and this sport through the event remains a priority.

TrimaX-magazine: A success which could look very different as early as next year?

Indeed! Many innovations being explored. We have to see the calendar and try to put this event in mid-June. Attracting 1500 to 2000 people in July is simply not possible. Our goal is also to be able to compete with the Paris Triathlon which welcomes 3000 participants.



Top 10 females :		5. Sophie DARDOUILLET	2:32:55
		6. Annick VIDAL	2:34:06
1. Charlotte MOREL	2:15:43	7. Pauline MORIER	2:36:07
2. Camille DONAT	2:26:51	8. Noelie MONTMAGNON	2:37:47
3. Juliette COUDREY	2:27:57	9. Sophie RODOT	2:41:14
4. Gabriela BRIEN	2:30:43	10. Claire THIBULT	2:42:02

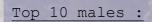










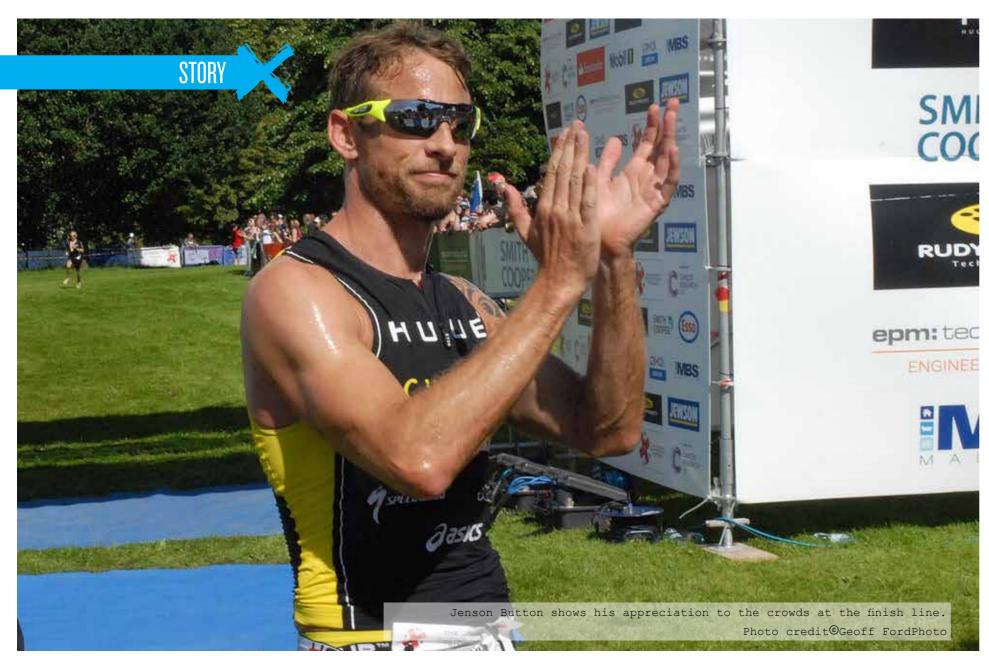


1.	Anthony PUJADES	1:59:25
2.	Sylvain SUDRIE	2:04:09
3.	Steve MCKENNA	2:04:28
4.	Kévin MAUREL	2:06:21
5.	Nicolas FERNANDEZ	2:07:01
6.	Romain POZZO DI BORGO	2:09:52
7.	Erwan JACOBI	2:10:34
8.	Valentin PASCAL	2:13:03
9.	Lionel PITAVAL	2:14:34
10	. Sébastien MULET	2:14:57









Young Stars Triumph At Award-Winning Jenson Button Trust Triathlon



oung triathletes Ben Dijkstra and Emma Pallant emerged victorious at the Jenson Button Trust Triathlon which was held for the second year running in Derby on Sunday July 17.

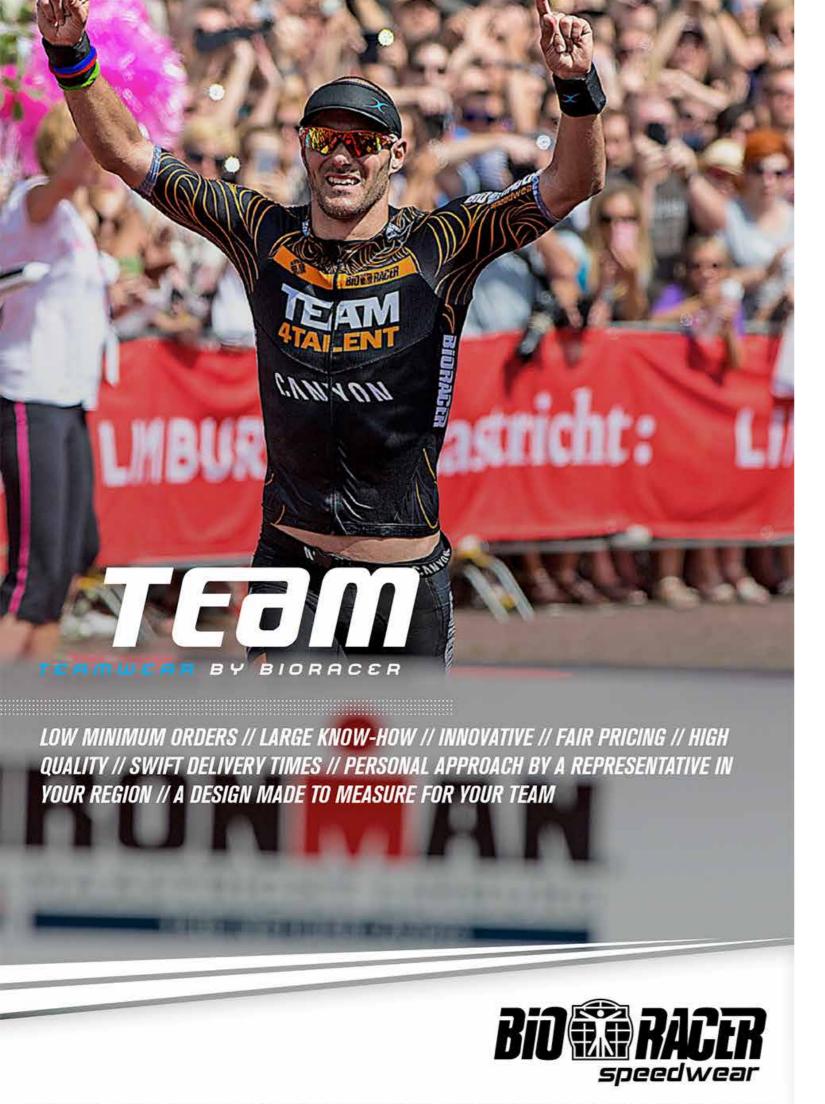




Mens final winner Ben Dijkstra. $\hbox{Photo credit} @ \hbox{Paul Warburton Photography}$

Ben (17) from Loughborough finished the race in 49 minutes, 47 seconds – closely followed by Derby triathlete Tom Bishop (25) - 50 minutes, 2 seconds - and Jack Willis (19) who finished in 50 minutes 12 seconds.

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In the ladies' final Emma Pallant (27) retained her title at the event with a time of 55 minutes 36 seconds with Katie-Jemima Synge (23) coming second with a time of 57 minutes 27 seconds.

Emma won last year's ladies' final in the Jenson Button Trust Triathlon and also won the 2016 Aviles ITU duathlon world champions in early June.





Bailey Matthews.

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cheering and clapping me so I wanted to show her how much I appreciated it."

The Team Challenge, sponsored by Midlands accountants and business advisers Smith Cooper was won by the MBS Construction elite team made

up of athletes supported by Derby-based HUUB Design: 11 times national time trial champion Kane Haggett (24), accomplished triathlete Kevin Dawson (49) on the bike and schoolboy running champion Alex Yee (17).

She was so impressed with a young family who cheered her on

throughout the race that she presented her medal to Isla Granville (4) and

her little brother Jamie (3) – who are from Bramcote, Nottingham, as she

crossed the finish line.

Emma said: "We have had fantastic support from the crowd and Isla was really The event, which previously took place near Luton, was held at Markeaton Park for the second year with last year's event winning the 220 Triathlon Award for best triathlon with under 500 competitors.

More than 400 novice, experienced and elite triathletes, including F1 McLaren Honda racing driver Jenson Button himself who finished 12th took part in the event, organised by Derby-based HUUB Events. In addition there were 16 teams of three competing in the Smith Cooper Team Challenge.

Everyone had the chance to race twice in the Jenson Button Trust Triathlon with preliminary heats consisting of a 200m swim in Markeaton Lake; 10km cycle from the park and on closed roads into the city's Cathedral Quarter before returning to the park to complete a 2.5km run.

In the individual event, the top 50 male and female performers went through to the finals -completing a 400m swim, 20km cycle and 5km run, with the runners up entering the wooden spoon race.

The prize fund available to competitors is one of the largest for a UK based sprint triathlon. A grand total of £7000 was on offer, split between the male and female categories.

More than 50 youngsters, accompanied by an adult, took part in the first Be More Bailey family triathlon which was held in the lunchtime break of the main event – including nine-year-old Bailey and his dad Jono.



The Be More Bailey family triathlon, which was free to enter involved children aged and seven and above, accompanied by an adult, who started with a 50m swim in the lake then head out onto the closed roads for a 2.5km cycle before a 750m run – crossing the same finishing line as the JBTT triathletes.

Bailey shot to fame when he received awards for his courage and determination in the 'Pride of



Britain' and 'BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2015' who will start and then compete in the race with his dad Jonathan.

The Doncaster schoolboy, who has Celebral Palsy, first captured the hearts of the nation when a video of him casting aside his walking frame to cross a triathlon race finishing line went viral.

Derby advanced composites specialists epm:technology have designed and manufactured the bespoke frame for Bailey which he used at the family triathlon.

Road closures in the city centre continued during the lunchtime break to enable a Children's Criterium to be held between 11am and 12 noon.

Around 60 young members of cycling clubs throughout Derbyshire took part in the road race event organised by Cycle Derby and British Cycling – completing 500m circular laps.

Cycle Derby is part of Derby City Council – providing opportunities in cycling for people of all ages. Three races will be held for cyclists from local clubs at under ten, under 12 and under 16 age groups.

Jenson Button said: "Moving the triathlon to

Derby last year was a great decision and we immediately knew that we wanted to return again this July.

"It's an amazing location in the park and having a closed road cycle route is a particular bonus thanks to the support of Derby City Council.

"The event is therefore perfect for both amateurs and professionals and especially for spectators who have the great

opportunity to see all the action in the lake, on the cycle route and through the park and watch us all going through the pain!

"I want to thank Derby for their superb welcome and for coming out to support this event which has raised thousands for Cancer Research UK."

Bailey Matthews' dad Jono said: "Today has proved that a family triathlon has really got legs and I hope that we can bring it back to Derby and elsewhere in the UK next year to inspire young people to join the triathlon revolution."

Head of Huub Events Dean Jackson said: "The Jenson Button Trust Triathlon and Be More Bailey family challenge has been a fantastic celebration of sport – involving novice and elite athletes, teams of three and now family members – and making it the largest ever Jenson Button Trust Triathlon.

"We are delighted that the Trust has indicated that they will be back next year and Derby has once again done itself proud to stage such a prestigious event across the city."

Funds raised by the main Jenson Button Trust Triathlon will again support Cancer Research UK.







When Xterra means wuu-uay



Ruben Ruzafa and Michelle Flipo captured the XTERRA Switzerland / ETU European Cross Triathlon Championship under extreme weather conditions in the Vallee de Joux on Saturday afternoon.

The win is Ruzafa's second straight on the European Tour this year and his 21st XTERRA major victory in 26 races since winning Worlds as a rookie in 2008. For Flipo, the win is her first on the XTERRA World Tour.



hat a mess! The day started with some sun and a breeze after a monster storm Friday eve. "I think we'll be good, maybe some little rain" said Thomas Vasser, head of the Sports Center of the Vallee de Joux. Nine minutes into the swim it started to rain, by 15 minutes it was steady and by 25 minutes it was a downpour. Let The Mudfest Begin!

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The swim was divided in three waves; pro men, pro women and then all age groupers.

"I never saw anything like it" marveled Spain's Roger Serrano. "It was a war. These guys went crazy."

German Jens Roth led big out of the water and took a nice lead early. By 1K Ben Allen, Sam Osborne and Brice Daubord were nose to tail chasing Jens. By 5K, 3-time World Champ Ruben Ruzafa was already up into 3rd having passed Roth in a full slide down a muddy slope and in another 2K had taken the lead.

"This condition today is good for me" he smiled. "I like technical and today with the mud and steep places – I was very fast on the downhills."

Fast? How about nearly four-minutes faster than the second best bike time.

The women's swim was no surprise as ITU and former XTERRA racer from Mexico now living in France, Michelle Flipo took first out of the water. Brit Jacqui Slack caught her by the 4K mark and started to ride away.

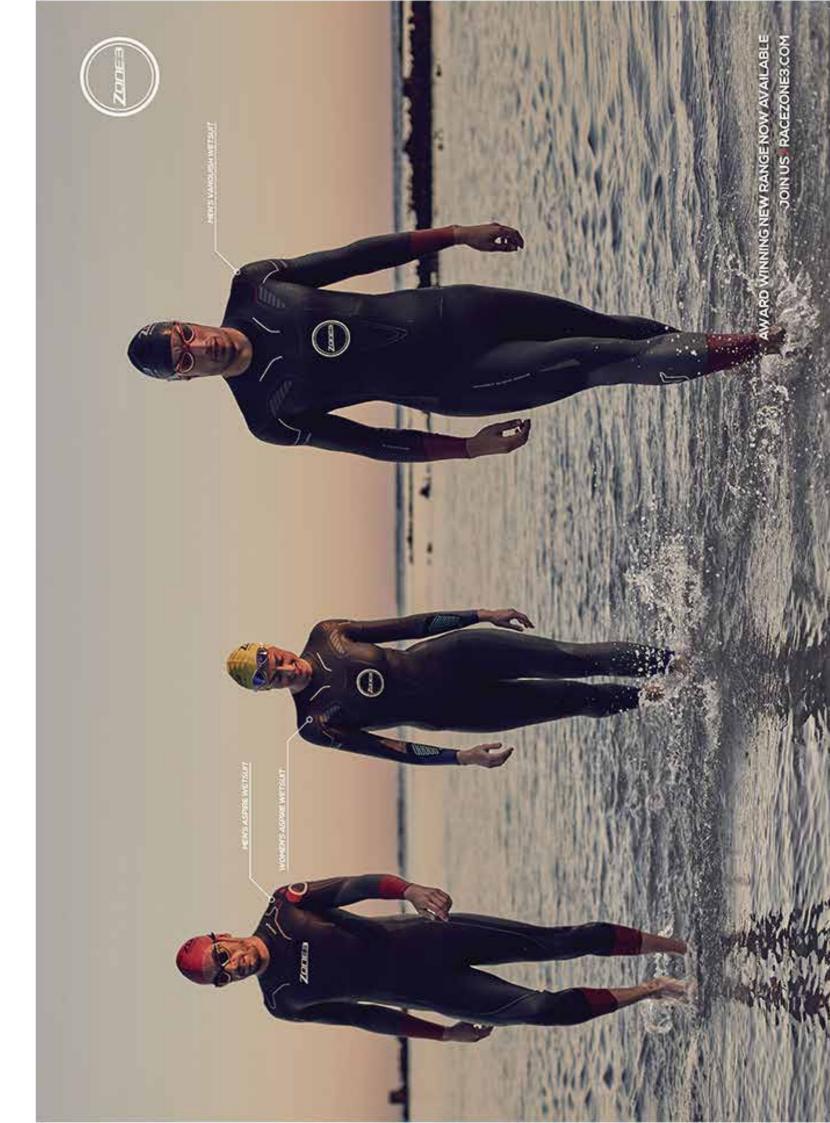
"I really like XTERRA but my technical bike skills are not as good as I would lovely woman, tall with blonde like," Michelle said shortly after the finish. "I could keep up on the flats hair, but was totally covered in and uphills but lost time on the downhills and technical sections."





I had to smile while interviewing her as she is a mud and one could only see her eyes and smile. Jacqui Slack put in a great ride in the lead, but 33-time XTERRA winner Renata "the Swiss Miss" Bucher was the Mistress of the Mud today. She was almost three minutes faster than Jacqui and came into T2 with the lead. Another Swiss, Ladina Buss was 3rd and Flipo 4th. Our winner put in the fastest run of the day and picked off Buss, then Slack and finally Renata to take the lead and come home with a 2.5-minute lead.

The back story was Myriam Guillot-Boisett. Her run was



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only a handful of seconds slower than Flipo's and she passed Ladina and Renata to take a hard fought 3rd. Second-place to fourth-place was separated by less than four seconds, a fantastic finish.

Back with the men, poor Sam Osborne took a wicked fall on lap two about 100m from me and nearly took Brice Daubord with him. I'm not sure how Brice got around the Kiwi but this put him solidly in 2nd. Sam never really recovered. "I hit really hard and it knocked me pretty good" he said after the event.

Our fast swimmer Jens Roth was 4th, Ben Allen 5th and Veit Honle 6th. XTERRA Belgium winner Kris Coddens was coming fast but was still back around 9th. Allen did not look happy and yelled "I HATE MUD" every time he went past. The men were really fighting on the bike. A bunch were scrapping hard on the 2nd lap.

"I knew I could not run because I had a muscle tear" said Roger Serrano, the reigning XTERRA European Tour Champion. "These guys were going so hard I ask how will they run? Maybe I should go."

Passing up and down the hills, slipping and sliding on the everworsening mud they came into T2 as a bunch with Roger, Veit Holne, Sam Osborne, Brice Daubord, Italian Mattia De Paoli and Kris Coddens all mixed together and now four minutes behind Ruzafa.

Serrano stopped, Sam was still stunned by his fall and dropped back. Brice was a good second with Veit 3rd but Coddens was charging, caught them on the 1st lap and







started chasing after Ruben. At the end of the first lap officials stopped Kris in the penalty booth for a 15-second helmet infraction at T2. This dropped him back to 4th but about the 2K mark the speedy Belgian was past Daubord and settled in for a great 2nd place finish just over a minute behind Ruben.

Today the mud was worse than Belgium two weeks ago, but the finish line was full of smiles as racers

washed themselves off in the fresh water stream coming down from the mountains.

"Nobody was going to catch Ruben today," said Ben Allen as he chatted with Brad Weiss at the awards. "All those years as a pro mountain biker just makes him unbelievable in conditions like this."

Our women's winner was also all smiles and like a champ should say – she told me "I'm going to Maui."

THE RESULTATS

Elite males :

Ruben RUSAFA (ESP) 2:47:58 Kris CODDENS (BEL) 2:49:18 Brice DAUBORD (FRA) 2:49:28

Elite Females :

Michelle FLIPO (FRA) 3 :18 :40

Jacky SLACK (GBR) 3 :21 :16

Myriam GUILLOT BOISSET (FRA) 3 :21 :20





U23 females:

Sina HINTEREGGER (AUT)
3:55:32
Clara BLOMH (DEN)
3:56:31

U23 males :

Arthur SERRIERES (FRA)
2:53:17
Loic DOUBEY (FRA)
2:57:26

Marcello UGAZIO (ITA)
2 :58 :02

Junior females :

Marta MENDITTO (ITA)

1 :24 :22
(parcours light)

Junior males :

Filippo PRADELLA (ITA)
1 :10 :23
(parcours light)

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The win is Ruzafa's third straight on the European Tour this year and his 22nd XTERRA major victory in 27 races since winning Worlds as a rookie in 2008. For Paterson, the win is her second major this season (she won XTERRA Tahiti back in May) and the 14th of her career.





66 I like this course and I like this race," said Ruzafa, who has won it three years in a row now. "It is very technical and this is where I am at my best. I rode very good today and was able to control everything. It was almost perfect for me."

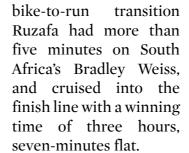
In the men's race Aussie Ben Allen had the fastest swim of the day followed by Veit Honle from Germany, and those two got the early lead on the bike but by the halfway point it was Ruzafa in the lead thanks to his race-best 1:02:37 bike split. By the



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MICHELLE VESTERBY, TRIATHLETE AND GOLD MEDALIST. CHOOSES R5B DONNA.*

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Behind Ruzafa, Yeray Luxem from Belgium was powering his way to the fastest run of the day and overtook Weiss to finish as the runner-up.

"This course is good for me," said Weiss. "I came out of the water with Ruben but he was so strong on the





bike I could not keep up with him. Then on the run Yeray surprised me. He was going so fast and when he passed me I knew I must settle for third."

Honle finished in 4th for the second week in a row and Damien Guillemet finished in 5th.

In the women's race it was all Lesley Paterson, who has proven time-and-time again that when the going gets tough, she gets going.

"XTERRA France lives up to its reputation...the beauty, the true toughness and the

unbelievable organization and support," said Paterson, who owns two XTERRA World Championships, an ITU Cross Tri World Title, and was the European Championship race winner last season.

"I felt great all day and just so grateful to be able to compete against great gals and in one of the best XTERRAs I've ever experienced! Roll on the rest of the summer!

Jacqui Slack took the early lead out of the swim, with Tour leader Brigitta Poor and Paterson close behind, but once Paterson got in front 'that was that.'

"I knew this was a long race so I took it very easy on the first lap of the bike," said Paterson. "I heard Renata was close to me so I pushed really hard on the second lap and got a good gap."

Bucher did have a great bike, cut into Paterson's lead and worked her way into the second position where she stayed through the finish line.



"I was so disappointed and sad after Switzerland," said Bucher, who finished 4th in her home country last weekend. "I rode good today and the race was long, so I was able to make enough time to keep second place on the run."

Erbenova, who finished in third, had a good run to make her way to the podium, but thinks she fell too far behind during the opening swim leg.

"My swim was just terrible today," said the reigning European Tour Champion, who came out of the water four-minutes behind Paterson and two-minutes behind Bucher. "I worked hard to move up into third, and am very happy with it."

Brigitta Poor held on for fourth and Myriam Guillot-Boisset finished in 5th.

XTERRA Managing Director Dave Nicholas was on site and brings us this report...

As is usual, it rained in the Vosge Mountains in Xonrupt. The good news is it rained on Friday and we were cool and dry for race day Saturday. The Charbonnier's once again did their Magic with a multi lingual race briefing and huge pasta party on Saturday eve. Sunday morning showed a bit of blue and sunshine and racer spirits were high. The decouvert or discovery race had over 900 entrants and the usual, hi energy music, clapping, yelling and cheering start right at 8am. The day progressed with two youth races, the first for ages 11-13 and the second for 8-10 year olds. These kids and families are serious. I saw small bikes and race kits that cost more than half the adult field's gear. Clubs came from as far away as Calais and between the two kids events there were over 200 entries. No wonder the French have the biggest fields in Europe. They have a genuine feeder system and it works.

he start was equally chaotic for the Big Show. It was impossible to keep the masses back in a water start so the gun went off at 1:58. The dynamic duo of Ben Allen and Jacqui Slack led the men and women out of the water, respectively. But lurking just behind each was the amazing Ruben Ruzafa and the equally amazing Leslie Patterson. These two have 5 World Championships between them so it was no surprise that by the 3K mark on the

bike Nico Lebrun reported both had the lead. A lead neither would relinquish all day.

Renata Bucher had a fantastic day on the bike being only 20 seconds slower than Lesley for the bike leg. "I knew this was a long race and made sure there were no mistakes on the first bike lap" said the wee Scottish lass. Renata got within 25 seconds starting the second lap but Patterson put the speed back on and kept the gap at over a minute. Then Les did what she does best and that is run. She put in the 2d fastest womens run on a technical course to win by 3 minutes. Renata's bike was so strong she had no problem taking second by over 5 minutes over Czech Helena Erbenova. "I was so disappointed and sad from Switzerland to lose 2d place by less than a minute" said the Swiss Miss. "Here the bike is longer and more technical and I am so happy to finish second". Erbenova was just as happy with 3rd. "My swim was so bad. So many people in the water and then I had difficulty all day passing on the bike".

For Ruzafa it was another epic ride. "I was with him coming out of the swim but he just took off and no matter how hard I rode, I could not stay with him" said 3rd place Bradley Weiss. "This is my kind of course with lots of climbing and technical parts but right now Ruben is just too good".

German Veit Honle (pronounce that white, like the color) was 4th last week in Switzerland and again here in France. His swim was second only to Ben Allen and he rode very well. So did Spain's Roger Serrano but Serrano suffered from two flats and retired – Belgian winner and Swiss 2d placer Kris Coddens also had a flat and walked his bike a long way. Kris kept going and put in the 2d fastest run only to finish 13th. The days mens story had to be Yeray Luxem. Yeray had a great 2d behind Ruben in Portugal but a bad home race in Belgium. He did not race in France to recover and did a great job here today passing Weiss on the run to finish second. French speedster Francois Carloni had a bad day back in 14th so with 3 of the top men scoring very little, Ruzafa now has a huge lead in the men's standings.

The big field of age groupers provided tons of entertainment. The Charbonnier's always have some great wooden structures near the finish and



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steep ramp plunked riders smack in the middle of a sand beach volleyball court and the slips and flips were many. The huge difference in skill sets was wonderful to observe and even some age group world champs were caught out. The pros skip onto the sand, rock the bike over and pedal away. The normal citizen rider has the front wheel squish out or the back wheel start to spin and down they go. The end of the feature was a neat jump ramp about 1m high. Hundreds had fun doing mini knack-

this year was no exception. "Le Monster" super knacks and I saw one guy come to a complete stop at the end of the ramp, look it over, turn around and walk back about 20 feet and pedal hard and jump it. Now that is entertainment and the crowd went wild for him.

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Resultats Elite males :

Ruben RUSAFA	3	:07	:00
Yeray LUXEIM	3	:12	:49
Bradley WEISS	3	:13	:56
Viet HÖNLE	3	:18	:19
Damien GUILLEMET	3	:18	:38

Resultats Elite Females:

Lesley	PATERSON	3	:38	:29
Renata	BUCHER	3	:42	:47
Helena	ERBENOVA	3	:48	:03
Brigitt	a POOR	3	:51	:56
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Chronicle pains on the bike, 2nd act



which makes us stretch too much to ride the bike.

NECK and trapeze-shoulders zone

When we talk about pain in the neck, we need to specify the precise zone of the painful point, because it is easy to confound with a pain in the trapeze, that is to say just below the neck. When the pain is really in the neck, the problem

must be the handlebar which is too low or too far compared to the saddle,

Last month we talked about chronicle pains on the bike. After talking about many pains in the knees and lumbars in our July number, we will finish the enumeration by body zones...

Alexandre Gomez

However, when the bike is situated in the trapezes, it's the other way around regarding the handlebar which is too high or too close compared to the saddle. When it's the case, the neck is contracted between the shoulders instead of being relaxed, which can be very disagreeable after 2 hours on the bike. Many triathletes think about raising lightly the handlebar compared to a pure aerodynamic position, because the common mistake is to say that we must straighten for the run after... MISTAKE, your position is good, depending on your flexibility, on the bike geometry, don't try to make your bike a Chopper Harley Davidson...

HANDS

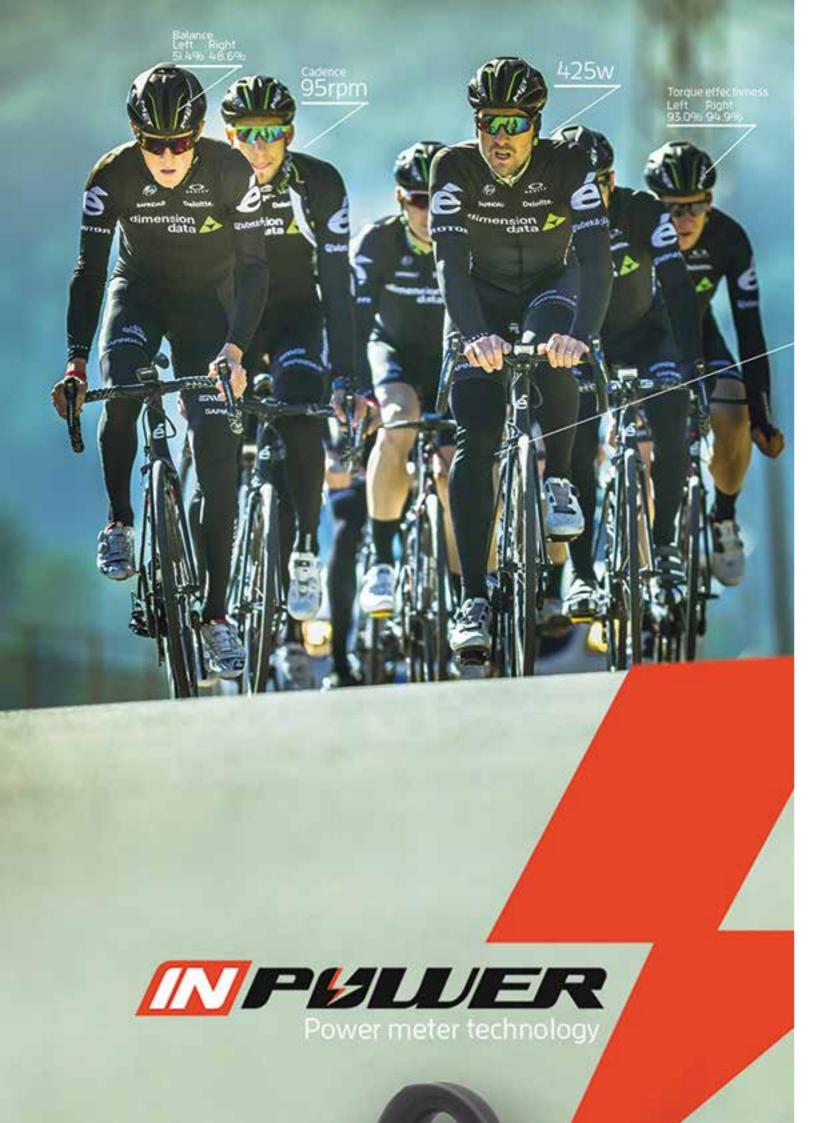
The hands tingling is often due to a poor repartition of the weight, which causes a displacement of the gravity center frontward, so the hands support more weight than they should. In order to find a solution to this problem, it is advised to change the saddle setback in order to modify the gravity center. You have to take into account that we lower the saddle by 3mm for each setback centimeters to maintain the same leg extension. Approaching or raising the handlebar contributes to a better liberation of the weight than the hands and arms must support.

Moreover, a saddle which is too inclined frontwards contributes to your hands tingling

FEET

Pains and tingling in the feet are also chronicle for many triathletes and cyclists. There are various origins and causes to these problems. It can be your shoes which may not be adapted. Usually, it's a problem of excessive pressure, that is to say a too tight or too short shoe. If the shoe is suitable, the relation with the cleat is also very important. If the cleat is too much frontwards compared to the articulation metatarso-phalangean, the same problems can happen, tingling, pain, or excessive foot overheating.





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The bike saddle is, very often, a source of problem. However, in most cases, the real cause of pains or discomforts is not directly the saddle but the position on it. The comfort on the saddle is linked to a good weight repartition, that the main part of the weight is on the ischions.

When it's not the case, the main part of the pressure is directed in the perineum zone, and in this case, pains, tingling of the genital zone...

These pains are often linked to a too narrow saddle, or too incurved, which doesn't allow a necessary support of the ischions. Once you've found the suitable saddle, you have to find the good inclination, very often (theoretically) parallel to the ground for straight saddles, with a light inclination frontwards for incurved saddles. For an aerodynamic position, it is generally advised to incline the saddle frontwards to reduce the perineum pressure.

If your pains are still here after all of that... We just have to think about the saddle height, which will cause again problems of pressure if it's too high, and on the lower back... biomechanics in the knees if it's too low.

In some cases, if the problems are continuing, you will have to see if you don't have a misbalance which causes some pains...



To conclude, the choice of the material is not only the choice of the shopping of the month on the magazine, «I buy this bike or this saddle because Vincent Luis will have an olympic medal with this material...» (Don't see anything chauvinist!) But you will have to see if the material you've chosen is relevant to my level of practice, my level of flexibility, and it's also true for the shoes, the running shoes... Our sport is difficult enough, so you should prefer comfort at first!

I already said that on previous articles, but we are all able to buy the last carbon wheels, the last fashion extensions, the last watch which tells us what to do before we even think about it... Think first of all to be well surrounded, to do a bike position study, to have a coach to guide you, to motivate you, to coach you... NO it's not because you've been practicing triathlon for 15 years that you know how to train, it's not because you read the magazine every month that you are a coach yourself, it's not because you play the part of a bike supervisor that you are the future Marc Madiot.



Water retention also affects triathletes



When we are subject to water retention (be careful, this subject is often feminine but retention also affects men), the first advice is to have a physical activity which especially seeks your legs in order to stimulate them and fight against the feeling of heavy legs. Yes but when we are a triathlete, between the swim, the bike and the run, it is not really possible to do better regarding stimulation and yet, many of us suffer from heavy legs or swelling, sometimes very painful. There are many causes as well as methods to fight against water retention.



Water retention explained in a few words...

Our body is made of 65% of water. Occasionally some parts of our body is excessively loaded in water, that is to say that our body stores more water than it is able to eliminate. This is what we call «water retention» or edema for the medical term more appropriated. Kidneys will be the prime candidates as well as the liver because their laziness could be responsible for this retention. But It allows the flow in all the body and out of the this is not as simple and a person subject to water perfectly work (hopefully it is very often the case). But then why does our body stock this water so painful (heavy legs, swelling) and so disgraceful (orange peel skin appearance, cellulite)?

When we talk about water retention we also talk about poor circulation. But it is not the blood flow which is involved but the lymphatic circulation.

blood but of lymph, which goes through the body, from the ends to the heart in the, in the vessels and lymph nodes. The lymph is a colorless to yellowish liquid which browses all the body.

The lymphatic network drains the excess of liquids which are in the tissues and participates to the detoxification of the organs and the body.

It contributes to the nutriments circulation (to a lesser extent than the blood).

blood vessels of the white blood cells, in the retention can really have a liver and kidneys which process of activation of the immune response. It is an essential element of the immune system and healing processes.

It contributes to the hormones flow.

It ensures the evacuation of cellular wastes (fats, toxins, proteins).

Contrary to the blood which flows thanks to heart beats which are used as a pomp, the lymph The lymphatic circulation is not a circulation of circulation doesn't have any «pomp» to facilitate

its flow. It results from the combination of the test for a few days, it's better to follow a medical body movements (especially breathing), from the advice if you want to continue this «free» food. contraction of muscles, and the contractions of the * A hormonal imbalance. Be careful to the smooth fibers of the lymphatic vessels walls. If the contraceptive method you use. An overdosed pill body movements or physical activity get intensified, or a pill than your body don't tolerate can be the the lymph will circulate faster. On the contrary, a cause of water retention. You should see a specialist long immobility brakes the lymph draining.

This is why, to activate the lymphatic circulation, it premenstrual syndromes can also be responsible is advised to move to fight against water retention. If this circulation can be indeed responsible for swellings, the fact to practice a regular physical activity should allow not to suffer from water retention. And yet...

After this explanation which allows to better

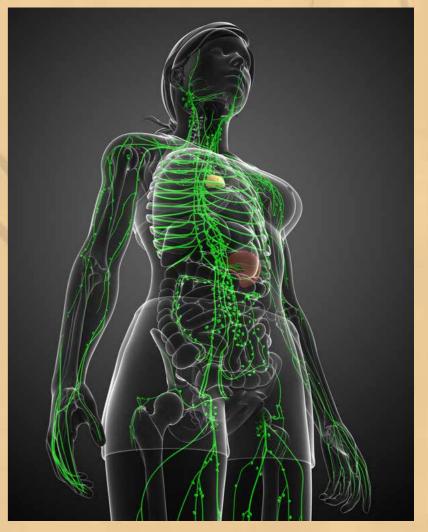
understand the elimination of water and body wastes, it is good to analyze the other causes which can lead to water retention. And to make it more difficult, these causes can be multiple and even cumulate. You have to pay attention to eliminate these causes one after one to get rid of this water excess.

What can be the causes of water retention?

* A food imbalance can be one of the main causes. Generally, triathletes are quite sensitive to food balance to accompany performance. So you will have to be careful not to eat too much salt and above all to check that you don't have a deficiency in some vitamins. These deficiencies can be responsible for edemas and food troubles. * Lactose or gluten intolerances. It can be quite easy to check if you don't eat any of

these for a few days and see if the troubles decrease or disappear. Be careful not to suppress on the same period lactose and gluten because you may not know which food makes the intolerance... If you can

- to know what solutions you can consider. The for water retention. During this period, you should drain your body but the advantage is that it only lasts a few days.
- * Hypothyroidism is also often associated to edema.







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- * A poor blood flow will draw upon the lymphatic system and quickly overload it. This is why by improving the venous circulation, we also improve lymphatic troubles.
- * Some medicines can contribute to an excessive water storage, this is what happens with hypertension medicines. You should talk about it with your doctor.

How to know if we have water retention?

There is first of all the feeling of swelling and heavy legs. This feeling that we have sometimes when we trample all day. But when we are subject to water retention, we have this feeling without trampling! We can even feel it from the beginning of the day when waking up! And even more in summer because the heat fosters water retention. There is also a more mechanical method to check if we suffer from water retention.

A small test consists in pressuring with the finger

on the swollen part for a few seconds. If the mark of the pressure persists several seconds after withdrawing the finger, it can be the sign of an edema.

If you feel tight in some clothes, if your socks leave a specially marked trace (generally water retention begins by the legs and ankles), if you have more difficulties to put on your shoes or if you went on a diet without succeeding to lose weight, it can indeed be water retention.

It is then very important to find the cause in order to be able to cure it. Once you find it, you can use some remedies (very often some old world remedies) to efficiently drain and say good bye to water retention.

We will talk about it this in our next magazine of September.

<u>Warning</u>: This article incorporates the broad principles of water retention but it is not at all a medical article. In case of important swelling, or edema, consult your doctor.



The Met Drone Wide Body helmei



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et has always been a major actor in triathlon, especially thanks to its partnership with Poissy Triathlon for many years but also with Jan Frodeno during his coronation in Hawaii or more recently with Frederik Van Lierde.

If the precedent model, the Pac seems maybe technically recessed on some competitors, the new Drone is here to set the record straight.

The strategic position of the aerations ensures the head to be able to stay correctly ventilated without penalizing aerodynamics. A system of intern canals allows to maximize the air flow and evacuate the warm air from your head.

A special shape



From the side, the difference with other «long» models is not flagrant, but The approach of the Drone is different. to limit at most the frontal surface of creating a drag. the helmet and thus bringing it closer to the head.

it is only when we look at the helmet Its shape of bulb, very wide on the from the front that the difference is sides, is designed to direct the air flow obvious. The Met Drone is wide! For a around the cyclist and above all his long time, the industry of helmets has shoulders which are usually a zone of been working on the same way, trying swirls offering a wind resistance and



The polycarbonate visor completely envelops the helmet. Resistant to stripes, it is also interchangeable even if you don't find it easily on the market right now. You can be certain that your reseller will be able to find it! A protection covers the superior part of the nose to avoid to get injured and with an anti-fog treatment, which is very agreeable.

The adjustment is made via a thumbwheel of adjustment on the back of the head, the Safe-T, which combines according to the brand the best ratio weight-comfort. Even the straps have been designed to be lighter and dry quickly while remaining solid.



The testing



This helmet looks terrific! Its 350grams makes it a very light helmet. What is surprising however is the side of the helmet's «cheeks» which seems almost sharp. When we put it on, these parts rub the ears and tend to scratch. Disturbing... However, beyond this zone, there is no problem anymore, the helmet is well in place, well-maintained, and offers a good comfort.

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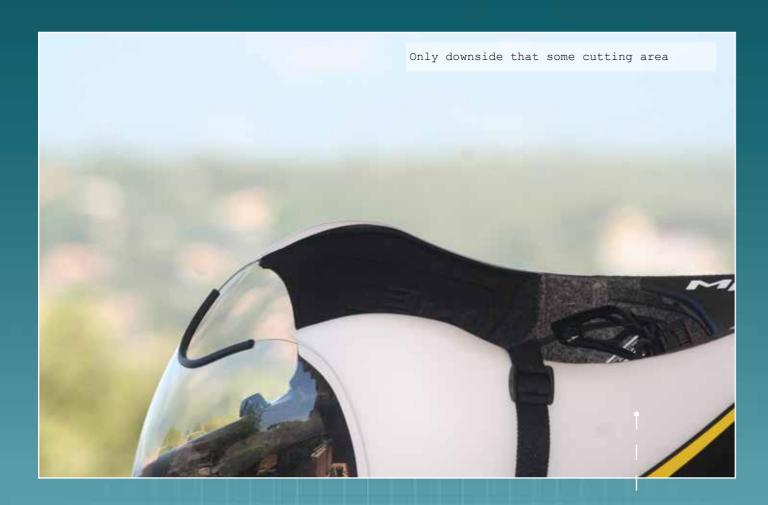
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The field of view with the big visor is very appreciable. It allows not to feel as a fish in a fishbowl. The aeration is good for this kind of helmet, you mustn't forget that it is a balance to find between a completely close helmet which could be a pressure cooker on your head and a very ventilated helmet which would lose a part of its aerodynamics.

Met proclaims a gain of 10 watts at 50km/h, but you always have to keep in mind that these numbers are first of all about marketing and it depends on your morphology, on your head on the bike, on your position, the same helmet could be faster for some athletes than for others. Available in 2 sizes, M or L for head sizes from 54 to 62.

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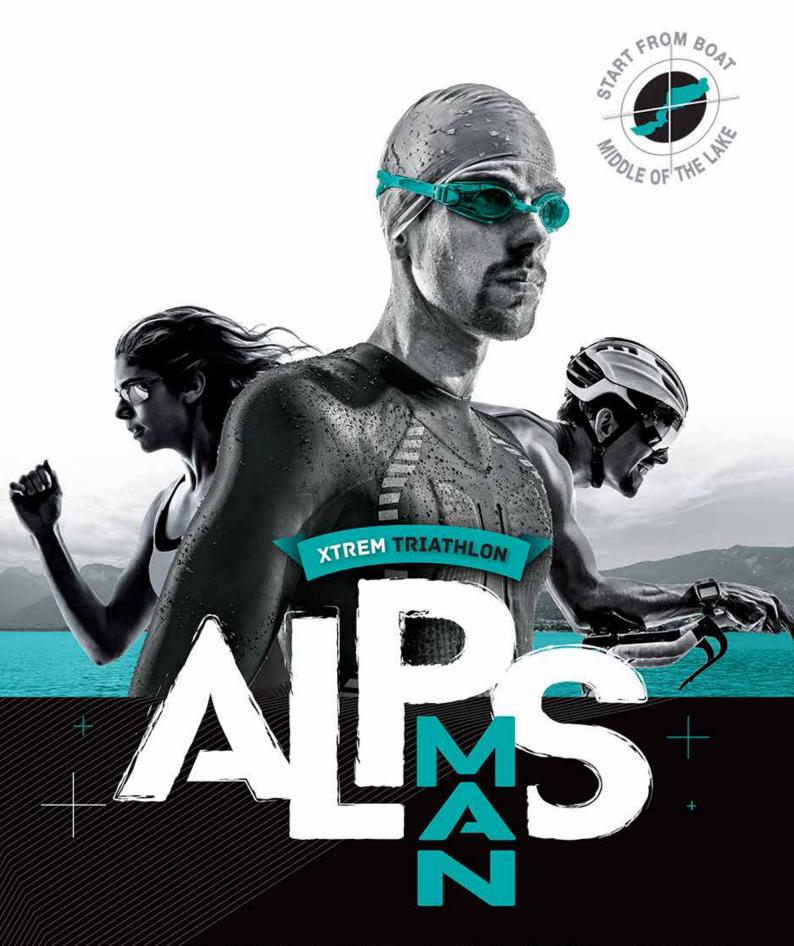
the sides of the helmet which could quickly create injuries when you put it on.

For whom



the triathlete who has a head in intermediary position on his bike (not too high and not too low).





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