

Media Release

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Hurst, Gorman claim wins in iconic swim

Beijing Olympians Ky Hurst and Melissa Gorman have both surfed to victory in today's 21st anniversary Eycline Noosa 1000 Ocean swim at the Noosa Triathlon Multi Sport festival.

It was the seventh win for Hurst, a champion ironman and surf lifesaver who competed in China last year as an open water swimmer, in the annual event with Gorman claiming her fifth successive victory in the 1km swim event on Noosa Beach.

But it wasn't just a walk in the park for Hurst who was actually beaten to the first mark by his close mate and Olympic kayak champion Ken Wallace and had open water world champion Trent Grimsey in his wake for most of the race.

``I had nothing left," Hurst said after taking his victory ahead of Grimsey and his younger brother Codie.

Hurst has been battling an ankle injury in recent months but is hopeful it will not require surgery as he plans to return to ironman racing later this year.

But today he showed that despite his injury he is still more than comfortable in the surf, catching a wave at the finish of the 1km swim to secure his win.

``I was happy to get that wave," Hurst grinned.

Gorman said after the race she relished the chance to do an ocean swim as she prepares for major selection trials in the New Year for events including the open water worlds and Commonwealth Games

``I'm so excited because that was my fifth straight win," said Gorman who has now won six Eycline titles.

Gorman finished ahead of another open water swimmer and Eycline regular in Kate Brookes-Peterson with up-and-comer Danielle Defrancesco third.

Tomorrow is Super Saturday at the Noosa Triathlon multi-sport festival 2009. Some of the highlights of tomorrow's program include the Courier Mail Noosa Superkidz triathlon, the Legend Triathlon, the Northside Party Hire Noosa Grand Prix for women, the Asics Bolt and the Northside Party Hire Noosa Grand Prix criterium for men.

The highlight of the weekend is the Noosa Triathlon on Sunday which has attracted around 7500 triathletes who will compete in age group and elite racing. For further event information check out the website at www.usmevents.com.au. For further information, athletes' bios and photos, to organise interviews, and for other media enquiries please contact:

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Results

Women

1.	Melissa Gorman	Boondall	12:07
2.	Kate Brookes-Peterson	Mermaid Beach	12:22
3.	Danielle Defrancesco	Burleigh Heads	12:29
4.	Natasha Harrison	Brisbane	12:45
5.	Brittany Elmslie	Tewantin	12:45

Men

1.	Ky Hurst	Mermaid Beach	11:04
2.	Trent Grimsey	Cashmere	11:13
3.	Codie Grimsey	Cashmere	11:20
4.	Dean Mercer	Mermaid Beach	11:22
5.	Nicholas D'Arcy	Buddina Beach	11:24
2.	Matt Poole		12.46
3.	Nick D'Arcy	Buddina	12.49

A full set of results will be posted on www.usmevents.com.au

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