

Media Release



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Birmingham defends title – Corrigan claims first

World championship finalist Collis Birmingham has defended his Asics 5km Bolt title at Noosa with Lisa Corrigan breaking through for her first win in five attempts on the annual race in the Queensland resort town.

Birmingham, who made both the 5000m and 10,000m finals at this year's world track and field championships in Berlin, covered the 5km course in 14 minutes and 02sec.

The Ballarat runner finished ahead of Queenslander Martin Dent with Victorian Bobby Curtis third.

``It's really great racing here and it's just so well supported," said Birmingham of the estimated 25,000 who crowded the course at Noosa to watch today's Bolt and men's and women's cycling.

Birmingham admitted he had wondered if he had gone too hard too early in today's race before pipping Dent, a former winner of the Asics Bolt who raced the marathon at this year's world championships.

``I thought I might have started racing too quickly, too early but it was OK," he said.

While Birmingham defended the title he won a year ago, a delighted Corrigan claimed her maiden win in a race she had contested on four previous occasions.

``I got a third, a did not finish, a second, a did not finish and now a first," said the Queenslander and well known 1500m runner who like Birmingham is bidding for a spot on the Australian team to race at next year's Commonwealth Games in New Delhi.

In one of the closest finishes in the history of the Asics Bolt, Corrigan just pipping rival Sarah Jamison, with both runners recording the same time of 16 minutes and 11 seconds.

Tomorrow around 7500 triathletes will contest the main event of the annual weekend, the Noosa Triathlon.

Results

Men

1. Collis Birmingham	Ballarat	14:02
2. Martin Dent	Macquarie	14:06
3. Bobby Curtis	Richmond	14:11
4. Grant Page	Rosetta	14:13
5. Jason Woolhouse	Richmond	14:21

Women

1. Lisa Corrigan	Florey	16:11
2. Sarah Jamieson	Moonee Ponds	16:12
3. Nikki Chapple	Brisbane	16:17
4. Lara Tamsett	Sydney	16:29
5. Lisa Flint	Coolangatta	16:37

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

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