

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **MOFFATT'S GOLDEN START PAINFUL – WILSON CLAIMS SECOND WIN IN SERIES**

Olympic bronze medallist Emma Moffatt made a golden start to her 2009 campaign in taking out the Caloundra Triathlon this morning at Golden Beach. Dan Wilson made a triumphant return to racing for the year to claim his second win in this series.

In her first race this year the Australian had little trouble in accounting for her opposition over the 400m swim, 15km cycle and 4km run but admits these super sprint races can be harder than her preferred Olympic distance.

"I certainly wasn't confident going into today's race, over such short distances anything can happen and there is no room for a breather and that hurt."

Melissa Trims stayed with Moffatt during the swim and bike legs but Moffatt showed her class running away from Trims on the run leg to secure the win in her first appearance in the Gatorade Series. Local rising star Rachael Paxton outsprinted Trims in the finish straight, both collapsing over the line.

"Everyone is chasing Emma (Snowsill) at the moment, she is the stand out but I'm training hard so will just see what unfolds."

"It is really great to be part of these events and see so many people getting into this great sport, it's really motivating for me."

Moffatt will now turn her focus on defending her Oceania Title at the Gold Coast Triathlon – Luke Harrop Memorial on March 1. She will then contest the ITU World Cup in Mooloolaba on March 29, all part of her preparation for her international race schedule and the World Triathlon Championships on the Gold Coast in September.

QAS athlete Wilson last competed in this race back in 2006 when he finished second to Matt Hopper.

Wilson and Josh Maeder managed to get a break in the swim leg and maintain it during the bike working well together over the chase group of eight including Adam Fitzakerley, Dane Robinson and Jason Crowther. The pair didn't let up pushing the pace with some great runners behind.

Wilson and Maeder ran shoulder to shoulder for the first 1km when Wilson made his move, Maeder was unable to respond but clung onto second place over a fast finishing Fitzakerley.

“Josh pushed me all the way, I was really pleased with my swim today as I haven’t been training that well in the pool,” said Wilson.

Wilson is heading to Hobart next weekend for the Sprint Championships then prepare for the Gold Coast Tri and Mooloolaba ITU World Cup.

The Caloundra Triathlon is the fifth round of the Gatorade Queensland Tri Series and forms part of the trio of big triathlons on the Sunshine Coast – the other two Mooloolaba (March 27-29) and Noosa Triathlon (Nov 1).

Today’s event attracted a staggering 1850 competitors who competed in three different distances making it the biggest ever field in the series history.

The Crowne Plaza Workplace Teams proved a popular inclusion in the program and an excellent way to get into the sport

Despite anticipated downturn for most businesses these big events are attracting bigger competitor numbers than ever and contributing to our crucial tourism industry in these challenging times.

## Results

### Male

1.	Dan Wilson	Sandgate	40.28
2.	Josh Maeder	Cannon Hill	40.47
3.	Adam Fitzakerley	Cotton Tree	40.53
4.	Campbell Schmidt	Annerley	41.23
5.	Dane Robinson	Brisbane	41.42

### Female

1.	Emma Moffatt	Brisbane	45.21
2.	Rachael Paxton	Cotton Tree	46.33
3.	Melissa Trims	Northgate	46.35
4.	Kym Jaenke	Sinnamon park	46.52
5.	Emma-Kate Lidbury	UK	48.39

## The Program - 2009

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