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CROWTHER, HILL IN FORM FOR NOOSA

Defending series champion Jason Crowther has made a winning start to the 2006/2007 series claiming the opening round of the Gatorade Queensland Tri Series at Raby Bay this morning.

Olympian and mother of two Rina Hill made a welcome return to the series claiming the open women's category.

The pair are both on track for good performances when they take on the best athletes in the world at the Noosa Triathlon on 29 October.

After a slow start from Crowther he clawed his way back on the bike to set himself up for a blistering and exciting finish on the run with Josh Maeder. Crowther who is using this as a final hit out before the Noosa Triathlon on October 29 recored the fastest run split to grab victory by just 4 seconds.

Maeder is currently spending 30-40 hours per week working at improving his triathlon abilities while working part time to support his own triathlon ambitions.

This season Josh is striving to be selected in the Australian Junior Triathlon team as his major goal.

Rounding out the podium was Adam Fitzakerley, Crowther's training partner.

In the women's race it was a welcome return to racing for the mother of two and Olympian Rina Hill who led from start to finish from youngster Ashleigh Gentle and Courtney Dutton.

Once again Raby Bay proved to be a popular venue with just over a 1,000 competitors turning out to take part in one of three events offered.

Radio personality Marto from Triple M's The Morning Crew is a regular at the series competing in the Clydesale (100kg plus) category and this morning brought the whole family along to compete.

Marto's only complaint, which he took to the official race referee, his category having to wear pink swim caps.

The Gatorade Queensland Tri Series caters for athletes of all ages and abilities and this year introduce the Gatorade Tri Training Clinics, held on the Saturday prior to each race. The clinics are designed to familiarise first time competitors with what to expect and for those who have completed a few triathlons and want a few more tips and progress to the next level.

“We were really pleased with the numbers that turned out, 30 first timers and some with a few races under their belts looking for more knowledge,” said Emily Davies event coordinator.

Other new initiatives for this season include series merchandise from Scody, the chance to trial your foot in a Nike shoe at any race and the end of season Tri Party on Sunday 22 April at the Regatta Hotel.

The day also included The LOOK Enticer Triathlon which ‘enticed’ a great field who completed a 200m swim, 5km cycle and 2km run. The ideal distance for the novice to compete individually, or one of the many teams that had a go. First males home and local was Damian Wright of Brookfield with Stacey Duff of Sinnamon Park the female winner.

The day also included the brand new Kool Kids Triathlon for kids, covering short distances that any child could manage making it a fun experience - 100m swim, 2km cycle and 400m run. The quickest kids over the course was Zac Brown from Glenfields and Brittany Dutton of Bridgeman Downs. Brittany is regular on the podium at these events.

If you missed the first event don’t worry there are still 5 enormous events to come at your favourite locations and venues.

The second race in the series will now head to Robina Parkway on the Gold Coast, November 19. The Gold Coast events proved to be the best attended of the series last year and organisers, USM Events are confident that numbers will again be strong.

Overall Results - Male

		Time	Swim	Cycle	Run
Jason Crowther	Buderim	0:41:13	0:05:22	0:23:22	0:12:29
Joah Maeder	Cannon Hill	0:41:17	0:04:57	0:23:45	0:12:35
Adam Fitzakerley	Alex Headland	0:42:11	0:05:10	0:24:07	0:12:54
Ben Holland	Twin Waters	0:42:26	0:05:33	0:24:09	0:12:44
Nigel Cooper	Warner	0:42:37	0:05:22	0:23:57	0:13:18

Overall Results - Females

		Time	Swim	Cycle	Run
Rina Hill	Samford Valley	0:45:58	0:05:18	0:26:59	0:13:41
Ashleigh Gentle	Mermaid Waters	0:46:41	0:05:34	0:27:43	0:13:24
Courtney Dutton	Bridgeman Downs	0:46:43	0:05:24	0:26:55	0:14:24
Melissa Trims	Taigum	0:46:56	0:05:20	0:26:25	0:15:11

A full set of results is available at www.usmevents.com.au

The Program

- Race 2 19 November - Robina
- Race 3 17 December - Raby Bay
- Race 4 21 January - Robina
- Race 5 11 February - Caloundra
- Race 6 22 April - Raby Bay

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