

MEDIA RELEASE
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SUNSHINE COAST PAIR TRIUMPH AT XMAS TRI

It was a double celebration for Cotton Tree pair Adam Fitzakerley and Rachel Paxton this morning taking out the final race for 2008 in the Gatorade Queensland Tri Series at Raby Bay.

This event was a sell out prior to today's race with just over 1600 competitors taking part across the three distances.

Fitzakerley was in a dual with Brisbane's Rick Rouse during the 750m swim and 20km cycle. The pair establishing a lead on the bike before Fitzakerley showed what a class act he is producing a 16min 14sec time for the 5km run to easily claim his first domestic win this season. Nicholas Hull hung on for third place.

In somewhat of an upset Paxton easily claimed victory in the Open Women's division over veteran and current reigning Age Group World Champion Kym Jaenke. Paxton had a shocking swim to be 1min 10sec behind Jaenke heading into transition. She then set about reversing that deficit on the bike leg to claw her way back into contention. Paxton showed her running ability by clocking the fastest split over the 5km to also claim her first win. Jaenke cruised into second place ahead of Gold Coaster Risa Saito.

Results

Male

1.	Adam Fitzakerley	Cotton Tree	56:52
2.	Rick Rouse	Chapel Hill	58:28
3.	Nicholas Hull	Chapel Hill	59:10
4.	Ben Holland	Twin Waters	1:00:34
5.	Nathan Fitzakerley	Parrearra	1:00:54

Female

1.	Rachael Paxton	Cotton Tree	1:03:47
2.	Kym Jaenke	Sinnamon Park	1:04:22
3.	Risa Saito	Nerang	1:05:37
4.	Cass Percival	Nanango	1:06:56

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The Program

Race 4	Robina	18 January 2009
Race 5	Caloundra	8 February 2009
Race 6	Raby Bay	19 April 2009

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