

MEDIA RELEASE

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FULL HOUSE EXPECTED AT TRI FINALE

This Sunday the final race of the Gatorade Queensland Tri Series will be held at Raby Bay, drawing the close on the triathlon season. A fitting finale for Raby Bay, which hosts the first and last races of the series.

Close racing throughout the six race series has ensured that overall Series Champions in many categories will be decided on Sunday.

In the Open Division it is expected that Adam Fitzakerely and Josh Maeder, both winners of races this season, Fitzakerely claiming Race 2 and Maeder winning the season opener on this course will be the clash of the day.

In the Open Female division it will be youngsters Ashleigh Gentle and Emma Jackson who will lead the charge. The pair both selected on the Australian ITU Junior Team to compete at the 2008 World Triathlon Championships in Vancouver on June 2. Gentle and Jackson also posted wins in the series in Race 4 and Race 2 respectively.

Ironman champion Rebekah Keat will be on the other side of proceedings on Sunday as she cheers on twin sister Simone and mum Ruth in their first triathlon.

Keat has been nursing a calf injury which forced her to withdraw from defending her title at the Australian Ironman Triathlon in Port Macquarie on April 6.

"I'm really looking forward to it, it's so exciting to have my family taking the plunge into my world," said Keat.

Olympic gold medallist and former member of the renowned Mean Machine, Neil Brooks will also take part. Brooks made his triathlon debut at the Gold Coast Tri – Luke Harrop Memorial then went on to win his category at the Mooloolaba Triathlon on March 31.

A full house is expected on Sunday, with a maximum field of 1350 athletes who get their final hit out before the colder months set in and triathlete's take a well deserved break. The course is capped at this number for competitor safety.

The Gatorade Queensland Tri Series caters for athletes of all ages and abilities with three different distances on offer. You can also enjoy a FREE Gatorade Tri Training Clinic held on Saturday 19. 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.

QTS	400m swim, 15km cycle and 4km run
Scody Enticer	200m swim, 5km cycle, 2km run
Kool Kids	100m swim, 2km cycle, 400m run

The Program – 2008/09

Race 1	Raby Bay	19th October 2008
Race 2	Robina	16th November 2008
Race 3	Raby Bay	14th December 2008
Race 4	Robina	18th January 2009
Race 5	Caloundra	8th February 2009
Race 6	Raby Bay	19th April 2009

Entries and detailed information available at www.usmevents.com.au or for other enquiries phone (07) 3868 2444.