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BRISBANE PAIR WILSON, FINAUGHTY CLAIM ROUND TWO

Brisbane triathlete's Dan Wilson and Ashley Finaughty put in solid performances to claim in race two of the Gatorade Queensland Tri Series at Robina this morning.

The Robina event has proven a happy hunting ground for Wilson previously winning on this course last year.

"I felt good out there today, pretty refreshed after a long winter break and now just building into the season," said Wilson post race.

Wilson established himself in the lead group on the 400m swim with Sam Betten, junior Reece Heald, Campbell Schmidt and Drew Box. Wilson was the first to exit transition on the bike and over the 3 lap cycle course a group of 8 formed. After a slow swim professional cyclist Deon Locke rode himself into contention. Before turning to professional cycling Locke was a regular triathlon competitor.

At the end of the 15km cycle all 8 athletes entered transition together, coming down to a foot race. The heat and high humidity was a telling factor over the 4km run with Locke the first casualty and fading to finish 6th. Wilson weather the conditions best to finish just 8 seconds ahead of Betten backing up after a top ten finish at Noosa Triathlon and Heald, a product of the National Talent Identification Program for aspiring athletes.

Junior QAS athlete Emma Jackson was the first to emerge from the swim with a 12 second lead over Finaughty, Courtney Dutton, Kym Jaeknke with Courtney Gillfillan a further 10 seconds adrift.

Gillfillan made up for the slow swim with a blistering bike leg putting her back into contact with Finaughty, Jackson and Dutton heading back into T2. However, it was Finaughty who showed a clean pair of heels on the run course, clocking 14:10 for the 4km, over a minute faster than Jackson who grabbed second from Gilfillan.

A record 1600 athletes took part in the event today, the largest field in the series history and continuing the trend of increased numbers across all triathlon events.

Another milestone was also recorded by local Surfers Paradise Triathlon club member Laurie Bishop who completed her 100th triathlon today, celebrating by winning her category.

The day also includes the NAB Enticer Triathlon, ideal for the novice to compete individually or be part of a team - 200m swim, 10km cycle and 2km run. The program also caters for youngsters with the Kool Kids Tri - 100m swim, 2km cycle and 400m run.

If you missed the first two events don't worry there are still 4 enormous events to come at your favourite locations and venues.

The third and final race for 2007 will return to Raby Bay, December 16, we hope to see everyone having a hit out in the traditional Christmas bash.

Results

Male

1.	Dan Wilson	Sandgate	43.46
2.	Samuel Betten	Brisbane	43.54
3.	Reece Heald	Carina Heights	43.58
4.	Campbell Schmidt	Annerley	44.05
5.	Drew Box	Kallangur	44.47

Female

1.	Ashley Finaughty	Petrie	48.58
2.	Emma Jackson	Joyner	50.04
3.	Courtney Gilfillan	The Channon	50.39
4.	Courtney Dutton	Bridgeman Downs	51.23
5.	Kym Jaenke	Sinnamon Park	51.49

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The Program

Race 3	Raby Bay	14 December 2008
Race 4	Robina	18 January 2009
Race 5	Caloundra	8 February 2009
Race 6	Raby Bay	19 April 2009



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