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HILL SECURES THIRD SERIES WIN – FETTELL GRABS FIRST

Olympian Rina Hill continued her unbeaten run in round three of the Gatorade Queensland Tri Series this morning at Raby Bay, Brisbane. Hill showed her class in the final stages of the 750m swim, 20km cycle and 5km run to take victory.

NSW Institute of Sport member Clayton Fettell continues his push for team selection in the U23 Australian team for the 2007 World Championships in Hamburg, Germany taking out the men's division.

A full field of 1300 athletes took part in the final race of the season today, some getting into the Christmas spirit donning Santa outfits instead of the usual lycra.

37-year-old Hill emerged from the water with Courtney Dutton who finished second to Hill in round two at Robina and last years series winner Leesa White.

The lead changed several times during the bike leg and the trio hit the transition together for the final 5km run.

This is where Hill showed her class seeming to 'toy' with her younger counterparts in the early stages but streaked away on the run to win by 50sec in the end.

The long hours of bike training paid off for Fettell today beating home Scotland's Andrew Fergus currently training on the Gold Coast and former Noosa Triathlon junior champion Tim George.

Fettell's father runs the local pool at Alstonville and growing up was his second home so it was no surprise to see him up with the early leaders in the swim but it was the bike leg where he made his move accumulating a 1min lead heading into the run.

Fergus put in an excellent run leg to move through from fifth off the bike to run himself into second today, running down George a former Australian Cross Country representative.

"I've been working really hard on my bike leg at the moment, I did an 800km block this week and it's paid off for me today," said Fettell.

A surprise late entrant was Brad Bevan, who dominated the world cup scene and Grand Prix Series in the '90's before the tragic accident just two days out from the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games triathlon that he was favoured to medal in. The accident effectively ended Bevan's careers. He finished an impressive fifth today but doesn't herald a comeback for the 'croc' as he is currently establishing a training squad in Brisbane – The Croc Squad.

The emphasis was clearly on fun and participation in the LOOK Enticer Triathlon this morning as hundreds took the plunge in completing a 300m swim, 10km cycle and 2.5km run as an individual or part of a team. This distance offers first timers a

chance to experience the fun of triathlon and our weekend warriors who enjoy having a hit out or challenging their mates.

The first race to get underway today was the Kool Kids Triathlon which catered for kids under 12 years. The aim is to create a fun and safe atmosphere for the kids to participate. A big field of kids took up the challenge and completed a 100m swim, 2km cycle and 400m run.

Overall Results

Male

		Suburb	Time
1.	Clayton Fettell	Alstonville	54:38
2.	Andrew Fergus	Scotland	55:46
3.	Tim George	Buderim	55:50

Females

1.	Rina Hill	Samford Valley	1:03:23
2.	Courtney Dutton	Bridgeman Downs	1:04:13
3.	Leesa White	Petrie	1:05:49

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

Series Events

Race 4	21 January – Robina
Race 5	11 February – Caloundra
Race 6	22 April – Raby Bay

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