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SURPRISE PACKETS SECURE WINS AT ROBINA

It was a day for our junior athletes to shine in the second race of the Gatorade Queensland Tri Series held at Robina this morning. Australian junior representative at the world championships in Germany this year Emma Jackson took out the open women's division while recently appointed QAS member Anthony McSweeney took out the men's category.

Jackson's effort was overshadowed by Ashleigh Gentle who had the quicker time over the 400m swim, 15km cycle and 4km run. The world junior silver medallist took just 48:37 to cover the distance, 5 seconds quicker than Jackson's time (48:42). Gentle chose to compete in her age category (16-19) to amass points for her school.

It is encouraging signs to see these two 16 year olds starting to move through the junior ranks.

Jackson led out of the swim and increased her lead in the cycle and run leg in a very dominant display. 18 year old Courtney Gilfillan grabbed second place with Sunshine Coast Academy of Sport athlete Carrie Lester rounding out the top three.

The men's race was a more tightly fought contest with eventual winner McSweeney just off the pace after the swim but managed to re-attach to the front group in the bike leg that contained Switzerland's Marc Widmer, Nicholas Hull, Drew Box and Chris Rawling.

"I just hung in on the bike and bided my time," said McSweeney.

"Coming off the bike a few guys were hurting so there were three of us that put in an effort and dropped the group," add McSweeney.

The other two to go with McSweeney were Widmer and Rawling. McSweeney's final blast of speed over the closing stages was enough to secure him his first Gatorade win.

A record 1300 athletes took part in the event today, another record for this venue, continuing the upward trend in the series.

The series offers three different distances catering for all ages and abilities – first timers and weekend warriors to world champions.

The program included The Scody 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. The overall winner of the Scody Enticer was Jodie Duff (30.39), the girls beating home the males. Lachlan Feather was first male (31:01).

The day also included the Kool Kids Triathlon, 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 in the 7-9 age group, Sean Farrell and Alexandria Wevers. In the 10-11 years category, Kane Richards and Monique Wevers. In the first timers group it was Kate Tobiano tasting instant success in triathlon.

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

	Swim	Cycle	Run	Overall
1 ANTHONY MCSWEENEY	0:04:49	0:26:06	0:12:51	0:43:47
2 MARC WIDMER	0:04:40	0:26:15	0:13:00	0:43:56
3 CHRIS RAWLING	0:04:57	0:25:58	0:13:02	0:43:59
4 NICHOLAS HULL	0:04:53	0:26:05	0:13:49	0:44:48
5 DREW BOX	0:04:31	0:26:34	0:14:00	0:45:06

Female

	Swim	Cycle	Run	Overall
1 EMMA JACKSON	0:05:10	0:29:08	0:14:23	0:48:42
2 COURTNEY GILFILLAN	0:05:33	0:29:05	0:14:46	0:49:24
3 CARRIE LESTER	0:05:43	0:28:33	0:16:09	0:50:25
4 JODIE SPOTTISWOOD	0:05:47	0:28:54	0:16:25	0:51:07
5 ILANA BOON	0:05:40	0:29:03	0:17:40	0:52:24

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The Program

- Race 3 16 December – Raby Bay
- Race 4 20 January – Robina
- Race 5 10 February – Caloundra
- Race 6 20 April – Raby Bay



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