

MEDIA RELEASE
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FETTELL AND PAXTON EARN WINS IN FINAL RACE

The final race of the Gatorade Queensland Tri Series proved once again a happy hunting ground for Cotton Tree's Rachael Paxton, notching both wins in the series on this course while Clayton Fettell made a winning return to racing after a lengthy layoff, leading from start to finish in the 400m swim, 15km cycle and 4km run.

24 year old Paxton has only been competing for 2 years in this sport and has her eye on claiming a world title in September at the 2009 Gold Coast ITU Triathlon World Championships after claiming silver last year in Vancouver.

The physiotherapist was just your general gym junkie before someone suggested she take up cycling and then ventured into triathlon. Her first race was in this series and she finished fourth. Paxton then went on to win her age group at the Noosa Triathlon last year and more recently the Mooloolaba event which qualified her for the Australian team.

Despite a 'poor' swim leg which she is working on under coach Toby Coote up on the Sunshine Coast Paxton gave Olympian Maxine Seear a 49 second lead out of the water but at the end of the cycle leg had amassed a 90 second lead then going on to record the fastest run split. 14 year old Brittany Forster from Burleigh Waters put in a stunning performance to finish third.

Alstonville's Clayton Fettell was untroubled today leading from the gun and beating off one of Germany's best triathlete's Michael Raelert who competed in the Mooloolaba ITU World Cup and member of Australia's Youth Olympics team Ryan Fisher rounding out the podium.

A capacity field of 1700 triathletes turned out to take part this morning, confirming Ray Bay as Brisbane's most popular venue.

The athletes swam, cycled and ran in one of three different distances including the Kool Kids event, making this sport an attractive option for the whole family.

The 2008/09 Gatorade Queensland Tri Series has been a great breeding ground for our talented juniors, a fantastic opportunity for first time triathlete's, weekend warriors and eager kids. Triathlon is a challenging, diverse and fun way to keep fit for people of all ages and abilities.

All six events in the series saw a 25 percent increase in participation and the Saturday Tri Clinics were a huge hit for new competitors and those wanting to fine tune some skills.

We would like to thank everyone that took part in the series; we hope you enjoyed the racing, camaraderie and triathlon experience.

Results

Male

1.	Clayton Fettell	Alstonville	41:16
2.	Michael Raelert	Germany	41:50
3.	Ryan Fisher	Kenmore Hills	41:59
4.	Marc Widmer	St Gallen	42:12
5.	Anthony McSweeney	Boondall	42:22
6.	Ben Holland	Twin Waters	42:52

Female

1.	Rachael Paxton	Cotton Tree	47:00
2.	Maxine Seear	Brookfield	47:48
3.	Brittany Forster	Burleigh Waters	48:54
4.	Maddison Allen	Paddington	50:21

Next Season 2009/2010

Race 1	Raby Bay	Sunday October 18, 2009
Race 2	Robina	Sunday November 15, 2009
Race 3	Raby Bay	Sunday December 13, 2009
Race 4	Robina	Sunday January 17, 2010
Race 5	Caloundra	Sunday February 7, 2010
Race 6	Raby Bay	Sunday April 18, 2010

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