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MAEDER, TRIMS CLAIM SEASON OPENER

Defending series champion Melissa Trims has made a winning start to the 2007/2008 series claiming the opening round of the Gatorade Queensland Tri Series at Raby Bay this morning.

19 year old Josh Maeder opened his campaign stepping up from a second place last year in this event to claim the open men's category. He recently placed 13th in the 16-19 category at the World Championships in Germany.

Maeder and Trims are on track for good performances when they take on the best athletes in the world at the Noosa Triathlon on 4 November.

Maeder is a young junior on the rise; now part of the Queensland Academy of Sport has spent up to 40 hours a week training and will make his debut into the elite ranks on November 4.

"One of my long term goals is to win Noosa, it's the race every Aussie wants to win," said Maeder.

"This win was an excellent reward for all the training Josh had put into training over the last six months. Josh's preparation is very much on track for him to compete in the professional division at this year's Noosa Triathlon," Coach Warwick Dalziel said.

Maeder led after the 400m swim from Sunshine Coast pair Adam Fitzakerley and Jason Crowther and over the ensuing 15km cycle and 4km run was constantly challenged by the pair. It came down to the final meters of the run that Maeder got the jump on them to win by just 6 seconds. Fitzakerley hung on for second from training partner Crowther.

Maeder, Fitzakerley and Crowther used the event as final preparation for the Noosa Triathlon on 4 November when the trio will be looking at making that next step up into the professional ranks.

Maeder is currently spending 30-40 hours per week working at improving his triathlon abilities while working part time to support his own triathlon ambitions.

In the women's race Trims started out the season as she finished - on top.

Trims led from start to finish in her final hit out before Noosa Triathlon with a fast finishing Risa Saito claiming second ahead of the ever improving Carrie Lester. Ellie Salthouse, 14, of Balmoral put in a phenomenal performance to finish fourth.

Once again Raby Bay proved to be a popular venue with just over a 1200 competitors turning out to take part in one of three events offered.

The Gatorade Queensland Tri Series caters for athletes of all ages and abilities and after the success of the Gatorade Tri Training Clinics last year is back on the program, held on the Saturday prior to each race. The clinics are designed to familiarise first time competitors with what to expect and for those wanting a few more tips to progress to the next level.

"We were really pleased with the numbers that turned out, 30 first timers and some with a few races under their belts looking for more knowledge," said Emily Davies series manager.

Also included as part of the series new Scody merchandise designed by the competitors and the end of season Tri part will again take place at the Regatta Hotel.

The day also included The Zoot 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. First male home was Ben Cook with an outstanding performance from Brisbane's Jodie Doff winning the event outright.

The day also included the brand new Kool Kids Triathlon for kids, 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 year old category, Ben McKenzie and Alexandria Wevers. Seasoned performer Brittany Dutton took out the 10-11 girl's category with Kye Wyld the boy's event.

If you missed the first event don't worry there are still 5 enormous events to come at your favourite locations and venues.

The second race in the series will now head to Robina Parkway on the Gold Coast, November 19. The Gold Coast events proved to be the best attended of the series last year and organisers, USM Events are confident that numbers will again be strong.

Overall Results - Male

1	JOSH MAEDER	CANNON HILL	0:42:09
2	ADAM FITZAKERLEY	MOOLOOLABA	0:42:15
3	TIM GEORGE	BRISBANE	
4	JASON CROWTHER	MAROOCHYDORE	0:43:00
5	JOHN POLSON	SORRENTO	0:43:25

Overall Results - Females

1	MELISSA TRIMS	NUNDAH	0:48:08
2	RISA SAITO	BRISBANE	
3	CARRIE LESTER	BUDDINA	0:48:54
4	ELLIE SALTHOUSE	BALMORAL	0:49:26
5	KYM JAENKE	SINNMON PARK	0:49:44

The Program

Race 2	Robina	18th November 2007
Race 3	Raby Bay	16th December 2007
Race 4	Robina	20th January 2008
Race 5	Caloundra	10th February 2008
Race 6	Raby Bay	20th April 2008

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