

MEDIA RELEASE
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MAEDER, GENTLE CRUISE TO VICTORY

Our junior athletes shone at the final Gatorade Queensland Tri Series at Raby Bay this morning despite the soggy conditions. Josh Maeder and Ashleigh Gently racked up easy wins in testing conditions over the sprint distant race – 750m swim, 20km cycle, 5km run.

19 year old Maeder closed out his campaign in the series the way he opened it, with a win over Sunshine Coast junior Adam Fitzakerely. It was de ja vu for Fitzakerely who was hoping to reverse the results from round one and in so doing catapult his chances of taking out the series.

Nicholas Hull went into the final event 50 points clear of Fitzakerely on the leader board and his third placing this morning ensured he would claim the 2007/08 Open Championship.

A similar story unfolded for defending series champion Melissa Trims, who, like Maeder, won the opening round of the series but was unable to hold off the talented Gentle.

Gentle, selected in the Australian ITU Junior Team to compete at the 2008 World Triathlon Championships in Vancouver on June 2 easily accounted for Trims and team mate Emma Jackson with a convincing performance.

Jackson has also been selected on the three man squad to compete at the world championships over the sprint distance contested this morning.

This was the second win for Gentle in the series also posting victory in Race 4 with Jackson winning Race 2.

A capacity field of 1350 triathletes turned out to take part this morning, confirming Ray Bay as Brisbane 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 2007/08 Gatorade Queensland Tri Series has been a great breeding ground for our talented juniors, a fantastic opportunity for first time triathletes, 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 increased participation across all distances – QTS, Scody Enticer, Kool Kids 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.

Overall Results – Male

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| 1 | JOSH MAEDER | CANNON HILL | 41.49 |
| 2 | ADAM FITZAKERLEY | MOOLOOLABA | 42.51 |
| 3 | NICHOLAS HULL | CHAPPEL HILL | 43.27 |

Overall Results – Female

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| 1 | ASHLEIGH GENTLE | ROBINA | 45.19 |
| 2 | MELISSA TRIMS | NUNDAH | 46.16 |
| 3 | EMMA JACKSON | JOYNER | 46.30 |

The Program – 2008/09

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| Race 1 | Raby Bay | 19 October 2008 |
| Race 2 | Robina | 16 November 2008 |
| 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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