

Dextro Energy Triathlon - ITU World Championship Series Korea



AUSTRALIAN'S SNOWSILL AND MOFFATT DOMINATE IN KOREA

Beijing Olympic gold medallist Emma Snowsill has opened her 2009 campaign with a dominant display in Tongyeong, Korea winning race one of the Dextro Energy Triathlon – ITU World Championships Series from Beijing bronze medallist and training partner Emma Moffatt, Japan's Juri Ide continued her good form after taking out the Ishigaki World Cup race last week to round out the podium.

Winning is nothing new for Snowsill who has amassed three World Championship titles and a Commonwealth Games gold alongside her Beijing Olympic Games success, however she endured an injury stricken start to the year having broken a rib whilst surfing at Byron Bay.

"It's been a long time since I raced and there's something about racing that you just can't get in training," she said. "I was really pushed today and Emma (Moffatt) is a training partner of mine. It was really tough but it allowed me to see where I'm at in terms of fitness.

"This was the first one in the series and so the attention is going to build as we progress through to the next races. There's more prize money, more sponsors, live TV and that's not happening in a lot of sports, so it is fortunate to be happening to us," said Snowsill.

The 1500m swim was led out by American super-swimmer Sara McLarty with Moffatt on her heels. The two established an early lead on the 40km cycle but were caught by the charging chase packs led by Switzerland's Daniela Ryf and Samantha Warriner from New Zealand. Warriner hit the deck following a crash on the penultimate lap of the bike, but was able to remount and ride back up to the leaders. Once on the run Moffatt opened up an early advantage but was caught by Snowsill on the second of the four 2.5km laps. The two Aussies battled each other before Snowsill pulled away in the final kilometre to take the win.

Moffatt was pleased with her second place finish having been to the fore throughout all three disciplines, including strong starts on the bike and run that took her away from the field.

"Everything went to plan for me and I felt really good out there. I always like to

go out and try as hard as I can within reason, but I saved myself for the run on the bike and that was tactical," said Moffatt.

"I knew Emma was there. It felt like a Sunday morning training run. It is always good to have an aim and she is definitely the mark in the sport at the moment."

Ide was delighted to finish with back to back top three finishes, but has high aspirations for the rest of the year.

Snowsill and Moffat will next compete in round 3 Washington DC (June 21) building throughout the series towards the World Championships Grand Final on the Gold Coast, 9-13 September.

1.5km swim, 40km bike, 10km run

Elite Women - Official Results

Gold	Emma Snowsill	(AUS)	2:02:42
Silver	Emma Moffatt	(AUS)	2:02:52 +0:10
Bronze	Juri Ide	(JPN)	2:03:30 +0:48
4 th	Kathy Tremblay	(CAN)	2:03:32 +0:50
5 th	Kirsten Sweetland	(CAN)	2:03:39 +0:57
6 th	Kiyomi Niwata	(JPN)	2:03:56 +1:14
7 th	Magali Di Marco Messmer	(SUI)	2:04:07 +1:25
8 th	Samantha Warriner	(NZL)	2:04:25 +1:43
9 th	Vendula Frintova	(CZE)	2:04:26 +1:44
10 th	Lauren Groves	(CAN)	2:04:27 +1:45

Dextro Energy Triathlon - ITU World Championship Rankings After Race One of Eight

1. Emma Snowsill (AUS) 800pts
2. Emma Moffatt (AUS) 740pts
3. Juri Ide (JPN) 685pts
4. Kathy Tremblay (CAN) 633pts
5. Kirsten Sweetland (CAN) 586pts

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