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## **Brownlee Crowned Dextro Energy Triathlon - ITU World Champion at Gold Coast Grand Final**

### **21 year old Brit seals first senior title following unbeaten series**

Great Britain's Alistair Brownlee pieced together a superb race at the Dextro Energy Triathlon - ITU World Championship Series Grand Final on Australia's Gold Coast as he crossed the line in 1:44:51 to take his fifth win of the year to complete an unbeaten season of racing.

Following wins in Madrid, Washington DC, Kitzbühel and London, the 21 year old Brit lead the series heading to the Gold Coast, however defending world champion, Spain's Javier Gomez, remained a serious threat. Needing to place five positions higher than Brownlee in Australia, the Spaniard was helpless to prevent a British victory as Brownlee accelerated away at the 9km mark on the run.

As expected the Grand Final turned out to be a tactical affair with a large pack of swimmers exiting the 1500m non-wetsuit ocean swim together before completing a cagy 40km of cycling. With all the championship contenders in the thick of the action both Bruno Pais from Portugal and Danylo Sapunov from the Ukraine tried their luck in instigating a breakaway and were followed by Matt Reed from the USA and Canada's Paul Tichelaar. The leaders carried a healthy fifty second lead onto the run, but could not respond to the electric pace of the chase pack.

Despite a poor transition Brownlee hit the front early on along with Olympic champion Jan Frodeno from Germany and Gomez as the trio sliced through the leading four before Frodeno found the pace too hard and dropped back.

Brownlee and Gomez battled hard, laying down surge after surge in a gladiatorial dual, with Brownlee finally hitting the front on the last hill at the 9km mark, leaving the Spaniard in his wake. Further behind Frodeno was just able to hold off compatriot Maik Petzold to take bronze.

Brownlee's victory secured a comfortable win of the Dextro Energy Triathlon - ITU World Championship Series with Gomez taking the silver to back up his gold from 2008. Maik Petzold's late surge for fourth jumped him up a place in the overall rankings to take the



bronze, displacing New Zealand's Kris Gemmell.

"I think today was the hardest race of all, I had to kill myself on the run," admitted Brownlee. "Gomez kicked and kicked and I just held on to the last lap and went for it. Javier beat me at the Euros so that's one blotch on the year, but there's no one happier than me right now. If someone had told me at the start of the year I would have won five races I would have told them to get lost. I can't explain my emotions, I'm amazed so I'm just going to take some time off and see you next year!"

"I am happy, today I put together my fastest run ever but Alistair has been the best man this season and I'll have to come back next year," said Gomez. "I gave my best, one of my best races ever, but Alistair was flying. I tried many times on the hill to drop him but I couldn't get rid of him. He's been the best today and the best the whole season. I hope next winter is better than last winter for me, and it's going to be interesting next year."

"I am so happy," said Petzold. "Triathlon in Germany is in a boom time at the moment, I learnt a lot and it made me even tougher for this season and it's a great feeling. Getting a world medal was a dream and today the dream came true. I had a really good swim and then with the big bunch of the bike I just relaxed and I thought 'today is my chance to do something on the run' and the tactic worked, and now I am on the podium."

### **2009 Dextro Energy Triathlon - ITU World Championship**

Gold. Alistair Brownlee, Great Britain. 4400pts / 2009 World Champion

Silver. Javier Gomez, Spain. 3959pts

Bronze. Maik Petzold, Germany. 3442pts

4. Jan Frodeno, Germany. 3162pts

5. Steffen Justus, Germany. 3139pts

6. Laurent Vidal, France. 3048pts

7. Courtney Atkinson, Australia. 2980pts

8. Kris Gemmell, New Zealand. 2903pts

9. Dmitry Polyansky, Russia. 2858pts

10. Jarrod Shoemaker, USA. 2783pts

### **2009 Gold Coast Dextro Energy Triathlon - ITU World Championship Grand Final**

**1.5km swim, 40km cycle, 10km run**

#### **Elite Men's Unofficial Results**

Gold. Alistair Brownlee, Great Britain. 1:44:51

Silver. Javier Gomez, Spain. 1:44:57 +0:06

Bronze. Jan Frodeno, Germany. 1:45:21 +0:30

4. Maik Petzold, Germany. 1:45:25 +0:34

5. Courtney Atkinson, Australia. 1:45:27 +0:36

6. Dmitry Polyansky, Russia. 1:45:29 +0:38

7. Steffen Justus, Germany. 1:45:30 +0:39

8. Simon Whitfield, Canada. 1:45:31 +0:40



9. Laurent Vidal, France. 1:45:37 +0:46  
10. Alexander Brukhankov, Russia. 1:45:38 +0:47

Dextro Energy ITU Triathlon World Championship Series

Grand Final, Race 8: Gold Coast

Elite Women: Sunday, September 13, 2.45pm AEST

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