

Dextro Energy Triathlon - ITU World Championship Series – Round 3, Washington DC, USA



Australia's best prepared for Washington battle

A host of in-form Australians will descend on Washington this weekend looking to cement their dominance in the third race of the Dextro Energy Triathlon – ITU World Championship Series.

Following the opening two rounds of the new series, Australia clearly leads the podium tally, with one gold medal, two silvers and a bronze shared between the elite men and women.

Olympic champion, Emma Snowsill, having missed round two in Madrid to complete preparations for her northern hemisphere summer campaign, will be keen to continue the stunning form she showed in winning the opening race in Tongyeong, South Korea.

Training partner Emma Moffatt, runner-up in Tongyeong behind Snowsill and also absent in Madrid, will be another to start among the favourites. The pair flew to Colorado on Tuesday to meet up with the remainder of the national squad before arriving in Washington on Thursday.

Former world number one Annabel Luxford continues her steady comeback from last year's litany of injuries, while Beijing Olympian Erin Densham makes her first appearance in the Dextro Energy Series.

In the men's field, a rejuvenated Brad Kahlefeldt will be hoping to make amends for Madrid. The Gold Coaster just failed to hook onto the leading bike pack following a frustrating swim – a miss which cost him any chance of pegging back the leaders. His recovery from hip surgery late last year was confirmed with a photo-finish silver medal in Tongyeong.

US-based veteran Greg Bennett and youngsters Dan Wilson and Gareth Halverson are the other men competing in Washington. Courtney Atkinson, who claimed silver in an impressive display in Madrid, has opted out of this weekend's race to complete some high altitude training.

Race 3: Dextro Energy Triathlon – ITU World Championship Series Washington DC, USA, Sunday June 21

Australian Team

Emma Snowsill	Brad Kahelfeldt
Emma Moffatt	Greg Bennett
Erin Densham	Dan Wilson
Annabel Luxford	Gareth Halverson

Prize Money - USD\$150,000

Timetable

Elite Men, Sunday 21st June Start: 9:10am (11:10pm AEST)

Elite Women, Monday 22nd June Start: 11.30am (1:45am AEST)

COURSE PROFILE:

Swim Two-lap 1.5-kilometer swim in the Potomac River in central Washington with a dive start off a pontoon. Wetsuits expected.

Bike Eight-lap, 40-kilometer flat bike course along the monumental national mall down Pennsylvania Avenue

Run Four-lap, 10-kilometer run. This course is flat and fast.

About the Series

The Dextro Energy Triathlon - ITU World Championship Series is a new global triathlon series at the highest level of the sport. It represents an innovative change by creating seven first-class World Championship events and a Grand Final rather than a one-day world championship event. The world's best triathletes will compete head-to-head, featuring live international television for the first time from every event. A record of over USD 3 million (total prize money available for world championship and world cup series) will be at stake in the battle to become triathlon's 2009 world champion.

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