

Dextro Energy Triathlon - ITU World Championship Series



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MOFFATT CLAIMS THREE IN A ROW TO EXTEND SERIES LEAD

Emma Moffatt continued her dominance of the Dextro Energy Triathlon ITU World Championship Series in Hamburg, Germany, completing a textbook win in atrocious conditions.

The 24-year-old sits well clear atop of the series leader board after five of eight races thanks to a third series victory in a row, following similarly convincing victories in Washington and Kitzbuhel and she will go to the Grand Final on the Gold Coast as series leader, even if she does not contest the next two races in London and Yokohama.

Moffatt teamed with strong cyclists, Sweden's Lisa Norden and Switzerland's Daniela Ryf to establish a small but crucial buffer of almost one and half minutes at the end of the 40km bike leg, leaving the trio to fight out the positions on the podium. As has been her trademark this season, Moffatt stormed to the lead in the early stages of the 10km run and slowly extended her lead, eventually winning in 1hr 56min 12secs, with Norden second a further 54 seconds back and Ryf claiming bronze.

"The weather was a bit dodgy, but I felt good in the swim and although it was cold on the bike all the hard effort of working with Daniela [Ryf] and Lisa [Norden] warmed me up a bit," said Moffatt. "We got a good break which meant that I could relax on the run and it set the race up nicely. Racing is never easy, especially in the wet, and it can get a bit dangerous, so I'm pleased to come through unscathed. I'm not sure on my racing plans ahead of the Dextro Energy Triathlon – ITU World Championship Grand Final on the Gold Coast, but I intend to get a good block of training done and might consider racing in one of the next races in the series in either London or Yokohama," said Moffatt.

The race was held in tough conditions, with athletes battling wind squalls, lashings of rain and the occasional burst of sunshine on a tight and technical inner-city course. Moffatt was third out of the water after the 1500-metre swim and settled well in a large bike pack that reeled in noted swimmer Hayley Piersol, of the United States. Moffatt, Norden and Ryf then made their move through the middle stages, opening a decisive gap on the field.

Australia's only other competitor, Annabel Luxford, was among the leaders out of the water and featured prominently in the main bike pack before fading slightly on the run to finish 16th, almost three minutes down on Moffatt.

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After Race Five of Eight

1. Emma Moffatt (AUS) 3140pts
2. Andrea Hewitt (NZL) 2229pts
3. Daniela Ryf (SUI) 2089pts
4. Lisa Norden (SWE) 1982pts
5. Kathy Tremblay (CAN) 1940pts

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1.5km swim, 40km bike, 10km run

Elite Women - Official Results

- Gold – Emma Moffatt (AUS) 1:56:12
Silver – Lisa Norden (SWE) 1:57:06 +0:54
Bronze – Daniela Ryf (SUI) 1:57:39 +1:27
4th – Lauren Groves (CAN) 1:57:58 +1:46
5th – Barbara Riveros Diaz (CHI) 1:58:03 +1:51
6th – Sarah Haskins (USA) 1:58:07 +1:55
7th – Anja Dittmer (GER) 1:58:12 +2:00
8th – Melanie Annaheim (SUI) 1:58:13 +2:01
9th – Irina Abysova (RUS) 1:58:16 +2:04
10th – Kathy Tremblay (CAN) 1:58:20 +2:08

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