

Dextro Energy Triathlon - ITU World Championship Series



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KAHLEFELDT'S MEDAL EFFORT IN HAMBURG HAS A SILVER LINING

Brad Kahlefeldt did his world triathlon championship aspirations no harm in taking the silver medal in the fifth race of the ITU series in Hamburg, Germany. The veteran New South Welshman is now in fourth spot amid a tight bunch at the top of the world rankings and eyeing off a grandstand finish when the eighth and final race is held on the Gold Coast in September.

Jarrold Shoemaker, of the United States, broke through for his maiden World Cup win, executing a stunning 10km run to upstage a pack of big names in front of an estimated crowd of 250,000, to record a time of 1h 44min 6secs. Kahlefeldt was eight seconds back in second place with the big Russian, Alexander Brukhankov, breathing down his neck to take the bronze medal.

Kahlefeldt gave himself every chance, completing a solid 1500-metre swim before latching onto a main bike pack that had to be content to see a breakaway group of four riders sneak out to an 80-second lead by the end of the 40km ride. He and Shoemaker broke away from a pack of runners over the early stages and their initial surges proved crucial, as they reeled in the breakaway foursome and powered home.

"There were a couple of reasonably strong boys in that breakaway bike group, but it was a matter of not letting them get too far away and I was pretty confident we would be able to peg them back," Kahlefeldt said.

"I wanted to mix it up and do something a bit different today. I've been in my fair share of bunch runs with sprint finishes this season, so I wanted to get out there early on the run, push hard and put everything on the line. That meant running alone for much of the race and that's hard when you've got a pack of quality runners just behind you, but it's a matter of hanging tough and seeing if you can hold on. I'm very happy with second today.

"Jarrod came over the top of me early and stormed home. It was one of the fastest runs I've seen for a while. I tried to stay in touch with him so that I could have a crack at him at the end, but he got a sniff of the win and cleared out again. All credit to him – he put in an incredible run.

"Today's result certainly helps me in the overall standings. I'm feeling good, we've got London coming up next which should be a great race and, of course, we've got the Grand Final of the series at home on the Gold Coast, so I'm pretty excited by what's coming up. It's good to be in the mix."

Today's results see Germany's Maik Petzold narrowly lead the world rankings on 2493 points, ahead of Great Britain's Alistair Brownlee (2400) and Spain's Javier Gomez (2368), both of whom

did not race in Hamburg. Kahlefeldt is fourth on 2276, with fellow Australian Courtney Atkinson slipping back to ninth having pulled out of Hamburg mid-week with a stomach complaint. Australia's younger competitors in Hamburg finished back in the pack, with Adam Carlton 27th, James Seear 33rd, Drew Box 35th and Josh Maeder 44th.

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After Race Five of Eight

1. Maik Petzold (GER) 2493pts
2. Alistair Brownlee (GBR) 2400pts
3. Javier Gomez (ESP) 2368pts
4. Brad Kahlefeldt (AUS) 2276pts
5. Jarrod Shoemaker (USA) 2145pts

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1.5km swim, 40km bike, 10km run

Elite Men - Official Results

- Gold – Jarrod Shoemaker (USA) 1:44:06
Silver – Brad Kahlefeldt (AUS) +0:08
Bronze – Alexander Brukhankov (RUS) +0:10
4th – Steffen Justus (GER) +0:15
5th – Bevan Docherty (NZL) +0:19
6th – Maik Petzold (GER) +0:23
7th – Kris Gemmell (NZL) +0:23
8th – Dmitry Polyansky (RUS) +35
9th – Simon Whitfield (CAN) +43
10th – Jan Frodeno (GER) +49

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