

## Dextro Energy Triathlon - ITU World Championship Series



### Media Release

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### MOFFATT HOT FOR THREE ON THE TROT

As the Dextro Energy Triathlon – ITU World Championship moves to Europe for the summer, the triathlon circuit returns to the picturesque town of Kitzbühel, nestled away in the Austrian Alps.

The women's race brings together an interesting match up between world number one Emma Moffatt and Portugal's Vanessa Fernandes. Moffatt enters Kitzbühel on the back of wins at both the Washington leg of the series and the Hy-Vee World Cup whilst Fernandes has just one major competition under her belt, last week's European Championships, where she finished third.

Olympic gold medallist Emma Snowsill has withdrawn from the race this weekend due to a hip complaint, but an in-form Aussie contingent remains well placed to feature prominently.

While initial scans have cleared Snowsill of any serious damage, there is some inflammation evident in the joint. With the Queenslander well placed in second spot on the world championship rankings, having won gold and silver from two starts, the decision was made to rest her as a precautionary measure

"There doesn't seem to be any major complications but I was experiencing pain in my hip during my last couple of races in the United States and I've been advised to take a short break from competition," Snowsill said. "This is a very long race season and with the grand final of the World Championships being held on the Gold Coast in September, I want to manage the situation carefully in these early stages so that hopefully I can be at my peak in the final part of the year."

Snowsill's training partner Emma Moffatt is enjoying unprecedented form, having blitzed the field in the world championship series race in Washington, before proving equally dominant in Iowa the following weekend to walk away with triathlon's richest first prize cheque of US\$200,000. With Snowsill her nearest rival on the world championship standings, Moffatt, who won bronze in Beijing, has a great opportunity to extend her lead this weekend.

Brad Kahlefeldt is missing some skin after diving for the line to secure second place and US\$50,000 in Iowa, but gained plenty of confidence from the outing: "To finish second

in that company, which was virtually an unofficial world championship, was a great confidence boost and shows me that I've bounced back well from hip surgery."

Courtney Atkinson, just one place behind Kahlefeldt in fourth place in the world championship rankings, will be out to make amends after suffering cramps on the run during the individual event in Des Moines to finish well off the pace. The other Australians in the men's field this weekend are Dan Wilson, Gareth Halverson, James Seear and Josh McHugh.

### **Dextro Energy Triathlon ITU World Championship Series**

Race 4, Kitzbühel, Austria

Elite Men: AEST Saturday 10.20pm

Elite Women: AEST Monday 00am (midnight Sunday)

### **CURRENT 2009 DEXTRO ENERGY TRIATHLON – ITU WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RANKINGS**

#### **Women**

1 Emma Moffatt (AUS) – 1,840pts

2 Emma Snowsill (AUS) – 1,818pts

3 Andrea Hewitt (NZL) – 1,545pts

#### **Men**

1 Javier Gomez (ESP) – 1,628pts

2 Alistair Brownlee (GBR) – 1,600pts

3 Brad Kahlefeldt (AUS) – 1,536pts

**Total prize money:** \$150,000 USD

#### **COURSE PROFILE:**

Swim – Two-lap 1.5-kilometer swim in Schwarzsee Lake with a dive start off a pontoon. Wetsuits not expected.

Bike – Eight-lap, 40-kilometer bike course through the surrounding rolling hills

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

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