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**MOFFATT CLAIMS EMOTIONAL WIN IN AUSTRIA**

Emma Moffatt showed more than supreme athletic talent to win a tough and emotional race in Kitzbuhel, Austria, to extend her lead in the Dextro Energy Triathlon ITU World Championship Series.

Moffatt's grandmother passed away just days before the race, but she steeled herself in cool but calm conditions to unleash her signature burst on the 10km run, securing yet another resounding victory in a time of 1hr:54m:38s, a comfortable 34 seconds ahead of Switzerland's Nicola Spirig. New Zealand's Andrea Hewitt claimed bronze.

Moffatt emerged from the 1500-metre swim well placed in fifth spot, and settled into a pack of more than 30 riders that easily reeled in breakaway leader Hayley Piersol of the United States. She was content to ride conservatively for most of the 40km bike leg before moving to the front over the latter stages to ensure a clean transition onto the run leg. From there she was never headed, trading blows with Spirig and Great Britain's Helen Jenkins initially, then hitting another gear to drop her rivals a third of the way into the 10km discipline.

"I actually didn't feel great during the swim or the start of the bike leg, so I just sat in the pack and worked my way into the race," Moffatt said. "It was a bit of a technical bike course, so I was pretty much up the back for most of it, then I managed to pick up the pace and get myself in a good position.

"I got on the run and I wasn't too sure how I would go because a couple of the other girls came with me. I had to dig a bit and found I had the legs to go on with it, so it was nice to have a win like that.

"I'm enjoying a great year and I hope it will continue through to the Grand Final on the Gold Coast back in Australia in September."

The 24-year-old was notified of her grandmother's passing on Friday, but with the support of the Australian team squad, based in France, decided to race. She found it difficult to talk of her immediately after the event, but did manage a brief and emotional tribute, simply saying, "Nan passed away this weekend, so I was racing for her".

Olympic gold medallist Emma Snowsill withdrew from this weekend's race due to a hip complaint, leaving Moffatt to take a commanding lead over the field at the halfway stage of the inaugural world championship series.

### **YOUNG GUN BROWNLEE REACHES NEW HEIGHTS IN AUSTRIA**

British young gun Alistair Brownlee again showed his more celebrated rivals a clean pair of heels to record his third win of the Dextro Energy Triathlon ITU World Championship Series in Kitzbuhel, Austria.

In what is quickly becoming his signature move, Brownlee completed a fast transition off the bike and established a decisive lead in the early stages of the 10km run, eventually holding off Spain's world champion Javier Gomez by eight seconds, with Frenchman Laurent Vidal a close third.

The Australian contingent didn't appreciate the cold and wet conditions. Courtney Atkinson completed a typically strong 1500-metre swim to be first on the 40km bike course, but a large pack quickly developed at the head of the field, negating any early advantage. He maintained contact with the pacesetters during the initial stages of the run, but eventually finished 12<sup>th</sup>.

Gareth Halverson performed well to capture 14<sup>th</sup> place and James Seear also raced solidly to finish 18<sup>th</sup>. Brad Kahlefeldt, ranked third in the series going into this race, was severely affected by the cold weather on the bike and never looked comfortable in finishing outside the top 40.

### **Dextro Energy Triathlon - ITU World Championship Rankings After Race Four of Eight**

1. Emma Moffatt (AUS) 2640pts
2. Andrea Hewitt (NZL) 2229pts
3. Emma Snowsill (AUS) 1818pts
4. Jessica Harrison (FRA) 1722pts
5. Helen Jenkins (GBR) 1710pts

### **Kitzbühel DC Dextro Energy Triathlon - ITU World Championship 1.5km swim, 40km bike, 10km run**

#### **Elite Women - Official Results**

- Gold - Emma Moffatt (AUS) 1:54:37  
Silver - Nicola Spirig (SUI) 1:55:11 +0:34  
Bronze - Andrea Hewitt (NZL) 1:55:16 +0:39  
4th - Kathy Tremblay (CAN) 1:55:20 +0:43  
5th - Helen Jenkins (GBR) 1:55:26 +0:49  
6th - Yuliya Sapunova (UKR) 1:55:27 +0:50

7th - Kate Allen (AUT) 1:55:28 +0:51  
8th - Kate McIlory (NZL) 1:55:31 +0:54  
9th - Vendula Frintova (CZE) 1:55:37 +1:00  
10th - Lauren Groves (CAN) 1:55:46 +1:09

**2009 Dextro Energy Triathlon - ITU World Championship Rankings  
After Race Four of Eight**

1. Alistair Brownlee (GBR) 2400pts  
2. Javier Gomez (ESP) 2368pts  
3. Laurent Vidal (FRA) 1963pts  
4. Maik Petzold (GER) 1951pts  
5. Brad Kahlefeldt (AUS) 1813pts

**2009 Kitzbühel Dextro Energy Triathlon - ITU World Championship  
1.5km swim, 40km bike, 10km run**

**Elite Men - Official Results**

Gold – Alistair Brownlee (GBR) 1:43:13  
Silver – Javier Gomez (ESP) 1:43:21 +0:08  
Bronze – Laurent Vidal (FRA) 1:43:24 +0:11  
4th – Maik Petzold (GER) 1:43:36 +0:23  
5th – Daniel Unger (GER) 1:43:51 +0:38  
6th – Sven Riederer (SUI) 1:44:01 +0:48  
7th – William Clarke (GBR) 1:44:05 +0:52  
8th – Yulian Malyshev (RUS) 1:44:05 +0:52  
9th – Kris Gemmell (NZL) 1:44:11 +0:58  
10th – Dmitry Polyansky (RUS) 1:44:13 +1:00

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