

Dextro Energy Triathlon - ITU World Championship Series



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SPIRIG SHINES WITH AUSSIE BIG GUNS AWAY

Switzerland's Nicola Spirig took advantage of the absence of Australia's big guns to win the London leg of the ITU Triathlon World Championship Series in a sprint finish overnight.

Australia has dominated the elite women's races this season, winning four of the five races leading into London, with Emma Snowsill taking out the season opener and training partner Emma Moffatt well clear in the world rankings after winning the past three consecutive races.

But Snowsill is at home recovering from minor hip surgery and Moffatt is on her way back to Australia, having decided to sit out London and next weekend's race in Yokohama to prepare for the grand final on the Gold Coast on September 12-13.

Spirig, Sweden's Lisa Norden and hometown hope Helen Jenkins were locked in a three-way battle over the closing stages of the 10km run, with Spirig prevailing in a sprint finish that saw the place-getters finish with five seconds of each other.

It was an impressive effort by the Swiss law student, who had to do plenty of work on the bike leg, as she dragged the chase pack up to a breakaway group of 12 riders.

Earlier Australia's Annabel Luxford led the field out of the water. She and reigning world champion Jenkins attempted to gain a break on the field over the early stages of the ride, however, they were initially caught by a small group, before a Spirig-inspired chase pack closed in, leaving more than 30 riders to negotiate the final transition together.

Luxford was unable to maintain the hot pace up front on the 10km run, gradually fading to finish 14th. Of Australia's other competitors, Felicity Sheedy-Ryan finished 30th and Sarah Crowley came 44th.

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1st - Emma Moffatt (AUS)	3,140 pts
2nd - Lisa Norden (SWE)	2,534
3rd - Andrea Hewitt (NZL)	2,455

London Dextro Energy Triathlon - ITU World Championship 1.5km swim, 40km bike, 10km run Elite Women - Official Results

Gold - Nicola Spirig (SUI)	01:54:24	
Silver - Lisa Norden (SWE)	01:54:26	+:02
Bronze - Helen Jenkins (GBR)	01:54:29	+:05
4th - Elizabeth May (LUX)	01:54:38	+:14
5th - Anja Dittmer (GER)	01:54:55	+:31
6th - Daniela Ryf (SUI)	01:54:57	+:33
7th - Ricarda Lisk (GER)	01:55:00	+:36
8th - Debbie Tanner (NZL)	01:55:05	+:41
9th - Andrea Hewitt (NZL)	01:55:07	+:43
10th - Sarah Groff (USA)	01:55:16	+:52

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