



Pitsford Triathlon – Sprint Distance

7th May 2017

Race Report



Pitsford Triathlon – Sprint Distance, contested for the first time in 2016, is now in its second year and is growing in popularity. Although cool and overcast at the start of the race, the strong winds that swept across the course in the days leading up to the race had reduced and it wasn't long before the sun started to make a welcome appearance.

119 triathletes took on the bracing 500m swim in Pitsford Reservoir (shortened from 750m due to a slight drop in water temperature and in consideration of wind chill on the bike leg) before tackling the 20.6km bike course and 5km run.

First out of the water was Matt Bailey of the Speedhub Race Team with the fastest swim split of 06:31, followed by a small group comprising of Jordan Simmons, Craig Twigg, Mark Yeoman and Lewis Cherry less than a minute behind.



Bailey kept his lead time out of T1 but Twigg made up crucial ground with the fastest bike split on the day (33:23) to catch up with Bailey; however, Bailey's time in T2 rewarded him with the lead out on the run.

Thanks to a blistering T1 and T2 time and a fast bike leg, Rich Sumpter was soon homing in on the leaders. With the fastest run split of the day (17:25), Sumpter came in to take first place on the podium with a superb time of 1:00:50, taking over a minute off last year's winning time. He also took first place in his age category of 35-39. Bailey managed to hold on to second place with a very respectable time of 1:01:32 and Matthew Glenn of Rugby Triathlon Club, thanks to his fast run split (17:59), took third place. Both second and third placed men took first place in their respective age categories (U20 and 25-29) also.



Top three men:

Rich Sumpter (centre) with Matt Bailey to his right and Matthew Glenn to his left

Top three women:

Catlin Roper (centre) with Marie Matthews to her left and Claire Walker to her right



First female out of the water was Caitlin Roper, hot on the heels of the leading men with a time of 07:20. She also had a blistering T1 time and was out on the bike leg within 34 seconds of exiting the swim. Marie Matthews of BRAT had the fastest bike split (38:39) but it was Roper's dominance which led to her taking first place on the podium for the women with a time of 1:07:21, as well as first place in her age category of U20. Matthews took second place not far behind Roper with a respectable time of 1:09:01 and finished first in her age category of 30-34. Charlotte Mathers of Leicester Triathlon Club battled hard on the run and equalled her run split with that of Matthews (20:26) to secure third place, three minutes ahead of fourth placed Claire Walker.



Further back in the field there were many other personal achievements. Huge congratulations go to all the triathletes who completed their first open water triathlon with us. Apart from one retirement due to a mechanical failure, all the triathletes finished safely and with a smile on their face. We look forward to seeing many of you again for Pitsford Triathlon – Standard Distance on 16th July. We promise once again that the water will be warmer by then!

Top Three Men		
Position	Name	Time
1	Rich Sumpter	1:00:50
2	Matt Bailey	1:01:32
3	Matthew Glenn	1:03:08

Top Three Woman		
Position	Name	Time
1	Caitlin Roper	1:07:21
2	Marie Matthews	1:09:01
3	Claire Walker	1:14:04

Age Group Winners

Age Group	Male	Time		Female	Time
U20	Matt Bailey	01:01:32		Caitlin Roper	01:07:21
20-24	Jordan Simmons	01:07:32		Iona Tripp	01:29:45
25-29	Matthew Glenn	01:03:08		Claire Walker	01:17:11
30-34	Sebastian Harris	01:06:50		Marie Matthews	01:09:01
35-39	Rich Sumpter	01:00:50		Sarah Booker	01:21:25
40-44	Mark Yeoman	01:03:59		Kate Southorn	01:23:23
45-49	Craig Twigg	01:04:24		Louise Maynard	01:27:20
50-54	Neil Ruff	01:10:41		Rebecca Watt	01:18:03
55-59	Melvyn Heyward	01:12:48		Pamela Homer	01:48:59
60-64	Steve Bussey	01:25:52		Pauline Smith	02:01:19

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Triathlon England Bedford Team Relays with Eastern Region Championships: Sunday 28th May

- 08:00am First Swim Start
- Brilliant Club Team Event with a great atmosphere
- 3 person Team who all complete all 3 disciplines
- Swim 3 x 750m - Bike 3 x 20k - Run 3 x 5k
- Entry Fee £144 for the 3 x person team incl on line fee

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Pitsford Standard Triathlon Brixworth Country Park, Northampton: Sunday 16th July

- 07:30am First Wave
- Swim 1.5k - Bike 40k - Run 10k
- Three superb courses
- Commemorative Top for all finishers
- Entry Fee £57.00 (BTF members), £62.00 (unaffiliated)

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Wellingborough Cycles Duathlon Castle Ashby: Sunday 22nd Oct

- 08:30am start
- Sprint and Standard Options
- Great Cycle Route and Running in the grounds
- Commemorative Top for all finishers
- Entry Fee £35.00 (BTF members), £40.00 (unaffiliated)

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