



Pitsford Triathlon Standard Distance 2017

With a record number of clubs using the event for their club championships, a record number of relay teams and an overall record number of starters 2017; add to that great support from Northampton Sailing Club and Rutland Cycling and the excellent Go Beyond crew, the scene was set for some great racing.



There were some great performances across the board in dry, warm breezy conditions. The single lap swim was competed in 3 waves and first out of the water was Dan Siddons in 21:27, Matthew Glenn was close behind in 22:09 followed by Javier Cabrero in 22:53, this group having created a bit of a gap to the rest of the field.

First ladies out of the swim were Cath Weiss and Jane Westley who exited within 2 seconds of each other; Gemma Royles was next a few minutes off these waterborne speedsters.



Matthew Glenn in Bike Action
Right: Jane Westley powering away

Onto the bike, Rich Sumpter was in great form recording the fastest split of the day of 61:21 and taking him into the lead, arriving at T2 around 2 minutes ahead of second placed man Matthew Glenn who recorded the third fastest split of the day. Runner up in the bike section was David Thorold with a 64:15, who also went on to win the 50-54 Age category quite comfortably. Antoine Charrier had also had a good bike and had moved into 3rd.

In the ladies race Gemma Royles was absolutely flying on the bike, making up all the deficit of the swim and she had a lead of 2 minutes 24 over Jane Westley and led in to transition with Cath close behind as they popped in for their running shoes.

Rich Sumpter's bike form continued on the run where again he recorded the fastest split of the day 37:23 which only served to extend his lead, finishing with a very impressive 02:03:37.

Matthew Glenn continued his good form with a very good finish time of 02:09:16; Antoine Charrier was third but only just; Lester Allen was on a real charge on the run recording the second fastest run split of the day and only missing out on a podium place by 8 seconds to finish 4th.

Back to the ladies race and as with the rest of the race places were changing, Gemma Royles was having a great run and overhauled Cath Weiss but Jane Westley was on a mission first running down Cath and near the end managed to ease past Gemma securing the win in 02:28:42 just 25 seconds ahead of Gemma.





Podiums:-

**Left (R -L) Matthew Glenn,
Rich Sumpter, Antoine
Charrier**

**Right (R – L) Gemma
Royles, Jane Westley, Cath
Weiss**



There was also some close racing in the Relay Event with a record entry of 11 teams. The top two teams were very close with Welland Valley Male team leading on the swim, conceding some time on the bike but stretching their lead again over the mixed team from Wellingborough and District AC Tri – the teams were only separated by four and half minutes at the end.

By popular request the Club Team prize was reinstated for 2017 with a new perpetual trophy with the 2015 winners Rugby Tri retrospectively added. Fittingly the most populous club in attendance, Welland Valley Tri Club, lifted the trophy for 2017 which will now be a permanent feature of the event.

For the full results including category results, please [CLICK HERE](#), for the Club Team results please [CLICK HERE](#)

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