



Attention: Press Release - July 13, 2009

Saskatchewan Junior Triathletes competed at Junior Nationals this past Weekend - Gabrielle Edwards Wins Silver metal!

Gatineau, Que - Congratulations to the Saskatchewan Jr. participants who raced in very challenging weather conditions at the Junior National Championship in Gatineau on July 11. Heavy rainfall all day left the run and bike course full of huge pools of water resulting in three bike crashes in both the Jr. women's and men's races. The Junior races fielded 41 women and 56 men.

Gabrielle Edwards from Saskatoon won the silver medal in the Junior Elite women's category. Gabrielle is the first 15 year old to be granted approval by Triathlon Canada to race up in the junior category and in only her third junior elite race she clocked 1:01.02, seventeen seconds behind gold medalist, Alison Hooper from Victoria. After having the best swim of her season, **Abby Miller from Saskatoon** went down on her bike after bumping wheels. Bravely, she jumped back in the race and finished 24th. **Nadine Brenaut from Saskatoon** put in her fastest race and running very well, finished in 30th place. **Joanne Traves from Dalmeny**, 33rd, and **Alecia Lukash from Saskatoon**, 36th, in similar fashion, competed with the strongest races of their seasons.

On the men's side, **Jeramie Anderson from Saskatoon** made the second chase pack and put in the best race of his junior career, with an excellent finishing time of 59:14. Connor Hammond from Ontario was the men's gold medalist with a time of 56:10. Jeramie's time is not yet recorded in the results as his chip was lost in the swim. The officials and timing company are working on including Jeramie in the results. **Sash Broda from Prince Albert**, in only his third junior elite race, finished 33rd, putting in a solid race. **Joel Howlett from Saskatoon**, after flatting at the Pan American Championships in May and then finishing 4th and 5th in the junior elite races at Birds Hill Park and Montreal was ready for this race. Joel came out of the swim in 14th place and biked very well in the chase pack having the 3rd fastest bike time. By the time the run came, however, cramping and nausea set in and Joel had to fight to just finish the race.

Full results can be found at Sportstats.ca.

These Juniors will be racing in the adult sprint category at Duck Mountain on July 25. They will also be helping with the youth clinic and volunteering at the Man/Sask youth race the next day. They will complete the season in P.E.I. with the Canada Games individual competition on August 18th and the team relay on August 21st.

For more information or to interview any of the athletes, coaches or Board Members, please contact Fred Dyck, Coordinator, Saskatchewan Triathlon Association Corporation (STAC) at 306-664-3277 or info@triathlonsaskatchewan.org. Visit our web site at www.triathlonsaskatchewan.org.

STAC is the Provincial Sport Governing Body for the sport of triathlon and an Active member of Sask Sport Inc. Our goal is to promote interest in and provide for the development of and the enhancement of the sport of Triathlon in the Province of Saskatchewan.