

## **Press release IRONMAN 70.3 SWITZERLAND**

### **Titleholder Ronnie Schildknecht wins again!**

1,600 athletes from 35 nations participated today in the second IRONMAN 70.3 SWITZERLAND 2008 in Rapperswil-Jona. The Swiss favorite and titleholder Ronnie Schildknecht won after an exciting head-to-head race with Konstantin Bachor (GER) the race in 3:51.45. It was only in his second and last lap of the run course, when he was able to leave his opponents behind.

The women's race won Julie Dibens by a narrow margin of two minutes in 4:12.57, who lapped last years winner Nicola Spirig on the first lap of the run course.

#### Top five men

1. Ronnie Schildknecht (SUI) 3:51.45
2. Konstantin Bachor (GER) 3:54.33
3. Sebastian Kienle (GER) 3:55.41
4. Mike Aigroz (SUI) 3:59.18
5. Mathias Hecht (SUI) 3:59.18

#### Top five women

1. Julie Dibens (GBR) 4:12.57
2. Nicola Spirig (SUI) 4:14.55
3. Erika Csomor (HUN) 4:26.57
4. Monika Lehmann (SUI) 4:29.01
5. Eva Nyström (SWE) 4:30.30

Since the sun was out all day long, 35,000 spectators followed the race along the swim, bike and run course resulting in a wonderful ambiance. The race organizer BK Sportpromotion AG deems that the IRONMAN 70.3 SWITZERLAND 2008 was a great race.

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