

Press Release

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Double Swiss victory at the IRONMAN 70.3 SWITZERLAND

2'200 athletes from 49 nations started today at the third IRONMAN 70.3 SWITZERLAND 2009 in Rapperswil-Jona. The favourite and titleholder Ronnie Schildknecht has been able to catch up with the spearhead after only 10 km and get a lead of nearly 4 over rank two Mike Aigroz. With a solid race, he was able to get his way against a world class block and celebrated his third victory (3:54.30,1). As for the women, the short distance specialist Sarah Schütz from Dübendorf won the race (4:28.26,8). The favourite Karin Thürig caught up brilliantly in the bike race until rank three and also showed a strong performance in the run race (4:35.03,3).

Top Five men

1. Ronnie Schildknecht (SUI) 3:54.30,1
2. Mike Aigroz (SUI) 3:56.10,5
3. Alessandro Degasperi (ITA) 3:57.47,7
4. Jimmy Johnsen (DEN) 3:58.39,4
5. Massimo Cigana (ITA) 3:59.26,3

Top Five women

1. Sarah Schütz (SUI) 4:28.26,8
2. Erika Csomor (HUN) 4:29.03,2
3. Karin Thürig (SUI) 4:35.03,3
4. Sibylle Matter (SUI) 4:37.05,3
5. Tara Prowse (AUS) 4:39.12,0

At optimal weather conditions, about 35,000 spectators followed the race in the start and arrival area and along the race circuit and contributed to a fantastic atmosphere. The IRONMAN 70.3 SWITZERLAND has been carried out for the third time in the city of roses Rapperswil-Jona after 2007 and 2008. According to the organizer, BK Sportpromotion AG, it has been a successful event this year also. Further results after midnight on www.datasport.ch

For more information: www.ironman.ch

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