



Neef's (GER) and Derron's (SUI) victory at the TriStar Switzerland 2018

Lucerne, 15.07.2018 – At the TriStar Switzerland in Rorschach dominates the German triathlete Sebastian Neef (GER) in front of the Austrian Thomas Steger. Nina Derron (SUI) achieves a Swiss victory at the TriStar 111 female category, Ronnie Schildknecht (SUI) wins the short format, TriStar 55.5.

At 7:30 on Sunday in front of the Würth Haus at the Lake Constance the starting pistol was fired for the TriStar 111 category in Rorschach. More than 400 athletes joined this weekend the TriStar triathlon experience, which stood out with perfect summer conditions compared to last year's edition. Warm water temperatures (24.5 degrees) and plenty of sunshine at the picturesque boardertriangle. The opening started already on Saturday with the Kids Triathlon, where the three sports disciplines were brought closer in a playful way to the kids, in four different kids triathlon distances.

Attractive, international pro field – men and women

Already at the turning point for the second loop after 50km, the 29 year old german Sebastian Neef was leading the pro field. While his first chaser Max Neumann (AUS) lost the contact in the second phase of the bike course, Thomas Steger (AUT) made up time and came always closer. Steger could not reach Neef until the running course and therefore Neef celebrated his victory after 3:37:30 h over 1 km swim, 100 km bike and 10 km run.

Nina Derron achieves Swiss victory

In the women's field it was Nina Derron (SUI) who finished first at the TriStar finish line. The 25 years old could regain lost time in the second part of the bike course and overtook the leading Australian Kerry Morris (AUS) and finished first after 4:06:17 h. Derron won already at the IM 70.3 in Geelong this February and dreams big to be the next successor from the Swiss triathlete legends Daniela Ryf and Nicola Spirig. At least with the star trainer Brett Sutton she is following already the same path.

Revenge and home victory

In the short format TriStar 55.5 (500m swim, 50km bike, 5km run) Ronnie „I-Ron“ Schildknecht ensured his victory. At last year's edition the Swiss triathlon star had to be

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satisfied only with the second place after Bryan McCrystal (IRL) in the long format (TriStar 111) while racing was dominated by tough weather conditions. Also the Swiss cycling legend

and double olympic champion Fabian Cancellara was again racing the TriStar 55.5 for fun and achieved the overall ranking 48 at the TriStar 55.5 (M), who enjoyed the tough, but scenic bike course through the hinterland of the Appenzell region.

In the TriStar 55.5 women's category the local triathlete and title holder (TriStar 55.5 – female 2017) Sandrine Benz could not start the race on Sunday. She was cheering on-site for the Austrian winner Nathalie Alexander from the TriClub Bodensee which won confidentially the TriStar 55.5 (F) category.

Ranking of the TriStar 111 category PRO – Top 5

MALE:

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| 1. Sebastian Neef (GER) | 03:37:30 |
| 2. Thomas Steger (AUT) | +2:17 |
| 3. Roman Deisenhofer (GER) | +5:44 |
| 4. Niclas Baldauf (AUT) | +10:26 |
| 5. Max Neumann (AUS) | +10:51 |

FEMALE:

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| 1. Nina Derron (SUI) | 04:06:17 |
| 2. Kerry Morris (AUS) | +2:15 |
| 3. Corina Hengartner (SUI) | +4:29 |
| 4. Lena Berlinger (GER) | +6:23 |
| 5. Karen Schultheiss (SUI) | +9:10 |

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TriStar – Facts & Figures

History	In a short period between 2010 and 2012 TriStar grew tremendously, over 25 event with more than 30'000 athletes took place in Europe, North & South Americas and on Carribean Islands. After a four year break, in September 2017 the format has been relaunched in Rorschach (Switzerland).	
Formats	222	(2 km swim, 200 km bike, 20 km run)
	111	(1 km swim, 100 km bike, 10 km run)
	55,5	(500 m swim, 50 km bike, 5 km run)
	33,3	(300 m swim, 30 km bike, 3 km run)
	11,1	(100 m swim, 10 km bike, 1 km run)
	200	(169 km swim, 1 km bike, 30 km run)
Calendar	23 MARCH 2018	Fujairah, UAE
	15 JULY 2018	Rorschach, SUI
	9 SEPTEMBER 2018	Toscana, ITA

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