

# News Release



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## 2017 PRO Athletes Career Highlights

Last Name	First Name	Pro Athlete Information
<b>WOMEN</b>		
Bruck	Kate	Professional triathlete and certified personal trainer residing outside of Providence, RI. She attained her Pro Triathlete status in 2012.
Clifford	Ashley	Ashley Clifford has been a Pro for 3 years with a 70.3 win at Chattanooga and a 2nd place at Ironman Florida. She is coming back from a year of illness with thyroid health and is happy to be healthy and fit again. Ashley is a fitness professional and a yoga teacher.
Donner	Kaitlin	Kaitlin Donner recently won the ITU Continental Cup in Havana, and was second in the ITU Continental Cup in Bermuda. She comes from a running background, and ran at the University of Florida. Kaitlin was identified as part of the USAT Collegiate Recruitment Program. This is Kaitlin's 4th St. Anthony's Triathlon.
Goss	Lauren	Lauren Goss grew up as a swimmer. She attended Clemson University (BS in Biological Sciences, 2010), and during that time did her first triathlon in July of 2009 in Charleston, South Carolina. Less than a year later, she earned her pro license in March of 2010 at the Collegiate National Championships and was named the 2010 Under-23 Athlete of the Year by USA Triathlon. She immediately began earning wins at 5150, Rev3, and IRONMAN 70.3 races. In her professional career through 2016, she has had 20 wins (9 of them in 2015-2016) and 46 podium finishes. In 2016, she returned to IRONMAN 70.3 Ecuador and Challenge San Gil to win both of those races for the second straight year. She also won IRONMAN 70.3 Cartagena.
Hachmeister	Ericka	In 2009, Ericka Hachmeister raced her first triathlon with the thought that starting a race with swimming and biking would give her an excuse to be a slow runner. Since that race, she has been searching to find out how 'not slow' she can be. By day, Ericka gets to play full time chemist and loves it.
Higgins	Brittany	Brittany Higgins lives in Clearwater, Florida. She has participated in St. Anthony's Triathlon for many years, since she grew up in the area. This will be her 4th year competing as a Pro at St. Anthony's Triathlon. Last month, Brittany raced Ironman Puerto Rico 70.3 to start the season.

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Jerdonek	Lindsey	Lindsey swam for the University of Maryland and took up triathlon recreationally after college, working in economics in Washington, D.C. She rose through the professional ranks while learning to ride and run, and after fully committing to the sport, completed the Rio Olympic quad ranked 25th in the world.
Lendway	Heather	Heather Lendway, is in her third pro season, and has concentrated on Olympic distance and 70.3 distance racing. She qualified for the 70.3 World Championships last year and placed 20th in her first appearance at the race. She was 3rd at the St. Anthony Triathlon in 2015.
Marchant	Kristen	Kristen Marchant has been racing triathlons since 2012 and currently balances a full-time job and racing professionally. She had a couple of top-5 finishes in 2016, but spent most of the year dealing with injuries.
Petersen	Jillian	St. Anthony's Triathlon was the first Pro race for Jillian Peterson in 2007. Recently, she has been racing triathlon as a guide for a visually impaired athlete, and went to Rio Paralympics games with the athlete last year. Jillian is racing the Major League Triathlon (MLT) Sprint Team Series as a Sarasota Sun this year.
Spieldenner	Jennifer	Jen Spieldenner is from Findlay, Ohio and has been competing professionally full-time since 2009. She is part of the group, The Triathlon Squad, coached by Paulo Sousa. She has won four 70.3 races with 70.3 Calgary in 2016 being her latest victory.
<b>MEN</b>		
Chase	Nicholas	Nicholas Chase is headed into his 4th year as a professional athlete and lives in St. Petersburg, FL. Nick just finished racing IM 70.3 Texas and IM 70.3 Peru this month and saw a new PR. The season is just getting started and Nick will have a busy schedule but couldn't miss St. Anthony's triathlon! This race is in his backyard and he really loves the support put into this race.
Deckard	Robbie	Robbie Deckard grew up playing baseball and riding dirt bikes, but then found cycling and running and has been competing in triathlons for the past 7 years. He now attends the University of Colorado in Boulder, CO and lives and trains with Rudy Von Berg and Timothy Winslow. After doing only ITU/draft-legal races, he is now moving to longer non-draft races this year. Robbie competed in St. Anthony's Triathlon as his first triathlon ever, so he is really looking forward to racing in St. Petersburg again this year.
Dye	Cameron	Cam Dye is competing in his 11th year of professional triathlon, and this will be the 9th time that he races at St Anthony's Triathlon. After defending his title in 2016, Cam is hoping to land the 3-peat at this year's race. He currently lives and trains in Boulder, CO, with his wife and two children.
Fleischmann	Brian	Brian Fleischmann is 38 years old and has been competing at St. Anthony's Triathlon since 1997 as a junior/teenager. He won St. Anthony's Triathlon as an amateur in 2000 and has placed in the top five of the Pro race many times. Brian is a 2006 ITU Triathlon Team World Champion and a former member of the USAT National Team. In 2009, he was 10th at Ironman 70.3 Worlds.
Hadley	James	Originally from England, James Hadley is now living and training in Boulder, CO. James has been a Pro athlete for 13 years, and placed 6th at St. Anthony's Triathlon last year. In addition, James has had several recent podium finishes at Ironman 70.3 in Los Cabos, Steelhead, Raleigh, and Racine amongst others. James represented Great Britain multiple times at the Ironman 70.3 World Championships. He is also the owner and coach at Hadley Racing, LLC.
Jurkowski	Will	William Jurkowski lives and trains full time in Boulder Colorado with APEX Coaching Co. and this is his third season racing professionally. Most notably, he finished second at the Des Moines Triathlon in September of 2016. When he's not training or racing, he enjoys cooking and eating donuts, cake, cookies, ice cream and pastries.

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Lagerstrom	Eric	Eric Lagerstorm is passionate about moving the sport forward, through storytelling and sharing experiences from within the Pro field. Based out of Portland, Oregon, Eric is an accomplished triathlete with many notable accolades, including: -2015 Escape from Alcatraz Champion -2015 Beijing International Triathlon Champion -2016 Island House Triathlon: 5th place
Laundry	Jackson	Jackson Laundry is a Canadian triathlete living in Guelph, Ontario, and training with team LPC. He has recently jumped up to the half-Ironman distance, finishing 7th at IRONMAN 70.3 Puerto Rico. He still loves the Olympic distance, and plans to split racing between short and long course this year.
Limkemann	Eric	Eric has been racing professionally since starting his career at St. Anthony's Triathlon in 2007. He has numerous pro podiums in all distances from Olympic to Ironman including the 2013-2014 Rev3 Series Championship. While he is mainly focused on the longer distances, his swim/bike speed is still a factor for short course racing.
Poole	Michael	Michael was diagnosed with epilepsy when he began having seizures at the age of 18, the first being while he was out cycle training. Triathlon was very popular at his high school and Michael had friends doing it, so he gave the sport a try during his junior year of high school. He has since continued with the sport and will be competing in this year's St. Anthony's Triathlon. He sees St. Anthony's as part of his comeback following a car crash while on his bike last year.
Rasmussen	John	John Rasmussen was born in Hamilton, Ontario. His first triathlon was in Leamington, Ontario at 9 years old. This is his second St. Anthony's Triathlon. Some notable accomplishments include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4th Sarasota CAMTRI Sprint Championships 2017</li> <li>• 5th Hamilton, Bermuda CAMTRI Sprint Triathlon 2017</li> <li>• 4th Noosa Triathlon Festival 2016</li> <li>• 3rd Hong Kong ASTC Sprint Triathlon 2016</li> </ul>
Reid	Taylor	Taylor's triathlon career did not start until he was 16 years old when he started to swim competitively. For the first six years, he chased the Olympic dream, traveling to races all over the world. During those six years, he won the gold medal at the 2013 U23 Canadian National Championships and the silver as an Elite in 2013 and silver as a Junior in 2009. In 2014, Taylor chose to switch over to the long distance triathlon, which he is much better suited for with his strength in cycling and running. Taylor also is spokes person for dyslexia. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1st 2017 Ironman 70.3 Puerto Rico</li> <li>• 1st 2016 Ironman 70.3 Victoria</li> <li>• 1st 2015 Ironman 70.3 Silverman</li> <li>• 1st 2015 Challenge St. Andrews</li> <li>• 1st 2013 U23 Triathlon Canada National Championships</li> <li>• 2nd 2016 Ironman 70.3 New Orleans</li> <li>• 2nd 2015 Ironman 70.3 Mont-Tremblant</li> <li>• 3rd 2015 Ironman 70.3 Austin</li> </ul>
Riley	Colin	Colin is a 2nd year pro triathlete and guide for visually impaired world champion triathlete Aaron Scheidies. Colin was the 2013 USA Triathlon Olympic Distance Overall National Champion. In 2015, Colin finished 5th overall Elite at the Des Moines Triathlon. This year, Colin is focusing on non-draft Olympic Distance racing.

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Vandermolen	Nick	Nick Vandermolen is originally from New Jersey but moved to Colorado post-college graduation. In the midst of his first Pro season, Nick is looking to upset some big names in the sport. Known as the triathlon rockstar for his long hair, mustache and fearless personality!
Von Berg	Rodolphe	Rodolphe (Rudy) Von Berg was born in the US, but grew up in south of France. He moved back to the US and resides in Boulder, CO and is attending CU Boulder for Business Marketing studies. He will graduate in May 2017. He plans on pursuing the Professional Triathlete dream, and will try to earn a living in triathlon for many years to come. A few of his recent accomplishments include: 2-time Collegiate National Champion and three podium finishes in his last three 70.3 races (Miami 16', Buenos Aires 17', Texas 17').
West	Jason	Jason West lives and trains year around in Boulder, CO. The last couple of years, he has been mostly an ITU athlete, but is excited to get back into some non-draft racing! So far this year, Jason has placed 5th at ITU CAMTRI Continental Sprint Championships and 2nd at the ITU Hamilton Continental Cup in Bermuda.
Winslow	Timothy	Timothy Winslow grew up in Elk Grove, California. He currently studies at the University of Colorado, Boulder emphasizing in Business Marketing. He earned his Pro license in April of 2015 at the Collegiate National Championships.  In 2016, Timothy finished 3rd at Des Moines Triathlon, 4th at Pacific Grove Triathlon, and 10th at Rev3 Quassy.
Wisthoff	Matthew	Matthew Whistoff competed in St. Anthony's Triathlon as his first Pro race, and 2017 is his 10th Pro season. In addition to racing triathlon, Matthew helps operate an indoor cycling training center and works as a bicycle mechanic. In 2016, he placed 2nd at Rev3 Cedar Point.
Yoder	Andrew	Andrew Yoder is an Ironman 70.3 Champion and has won multiple high profile Olympic distance races. He is returning to professional racing this year after taking 2016 off from racing. Andrew is studying psychology in addition to racing professionally and has started his own triathlon coaching business.