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Wheelworx Duathlon Race 2, 27th Feb 2011.

The **Wheelworx** crew had an early morning drive down to the Punchestown Racecourse for the second race in the Wheelworx Duathlon Series run by Naas Triathlon Club. The sun was shining bright and there was a little nudge from the cross wind on the drive, this was a sign of things to come for the race. The competitors started arriving in to transition in a timely fashion many of whom cradling cups of coffee in a bid to warm up in the chill of the morning. It wouldn't be long before everyone would be peeling off layers as the race got under way!


After the race briefing all the competitors marched up to the start line with a brisk breeze blowing into our faces, a short countdown and it was all go, everyone had their heads down, leaning into the head wind as everyone climbed the slight gradient up and into the first corner before we were shaded from the wind. The pace off the start was still fast despite the wind and it wasn't long before the first of the field made it into the first transition. It was Marie Keane with Naas Triathlon Club leading the ladies out around the race track followed closely by Wheelworx's Bronagh Ní Bhriain in second. Bronagh leap frogged Marie in transition and powered away on the bike to a commanding lead on the cycle coming home first into transition and ran to finish first in a time of 1:02:45. Marie Keane finished second after a strong second run, with Loraine Creane from Wicklow Triathlon Club taking the third spot for the ladies.

In the men's race it was to be David Duke from Naas Triathlon's day after running second into transition behind Michael Murphy, David then raced into the lead on the bike posting the fastest split of the day. David was to remain leader into the second run, continuing on for the win in a time of 57:30. David was followed in by Midland Triathlon's David Fagan one minute back in second and Jason Miley ran in to finish third.

In the Age Group Honours, the highlight of the day was a father and son double, with William Belton taking the 60-64 age group category and son Liam Belton taking the 14-15 age group category.

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