



Ferenc Csima powers away.

Kayak makes it again for Csima

World Middle Distance Championships

This year the Keyo Brigg Bomber was the middle distance world championships although only half a dozen overseas competitors made it to Lincolnshire. Chief of these was Hungarian Ferenc Csima, who has attended the event several times and been a past winner here.

Additional support came from a triathlon run alongside the quadrathlon. The triathlon actually had the larger entry although triathlon generally is declining with the average age of entrants increasing. Shrewsbury quadrathlon has now ceased after a dozen years because of the inability to attract enough event crew and the Brigg event only had a limited entry from the leading Lincsquad, whose members were largely occupied with running the event.

Mostly sunny and with very little wind, the race offered pleasant conditions this year, backed by efficient organization that appeared



suitably relaxed, helped by a humorous briefing.

First off was the swim with leaders pulling away in the first few seconds. One of the team swimmers was first to finish, then Czech Leo Rousavy and Frenchman Laurent Martinou came out of the water together with Csima half a minute behind them. Jason Frary was the first non team Briton, nearly three minutes behind Csima.

German Susanne Walter was the first female swimmer, almost 10 minutes behind the first swimmers but a couple of minutes ahead of first British female Natalie Abbott.

On the bikes, Martinou opened up just 7 seconds on Rousavy, negligible after 48 minutes on the road. Csima slipped a further three minutes on the leaders. Oliver Fairbairn was the next fastest cyclist, two and a half minutes behind them on the road but 11 minutes behind overall.



The swimmers head up the New River Ancholme.



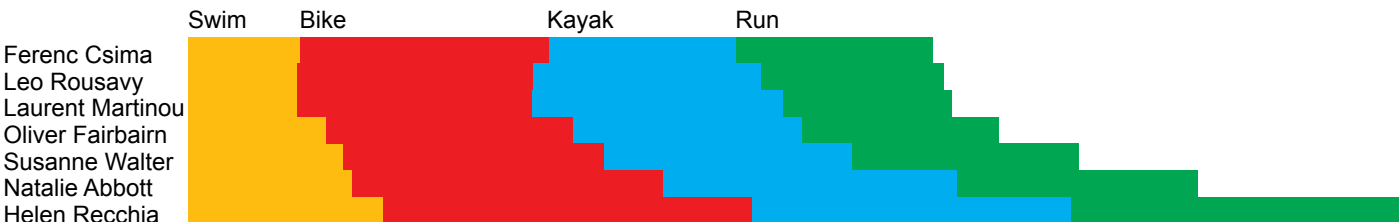
First out of the water.



Petr Mejzlik.



Laurant Martinou.



Transition times included with previous legs.