

## 2008 Lake Havasu Triathlon

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Under windy conditions the race started with the juniors leaving under calm waters. Within ten minutes the wind really picked up and the swimming got more difficult. Biking conditions were head winds and hills on the way out and a tail wind on the way back in. People were looking down at their tires to see if they were pumped up or flat because they couldn't believe the lack of forward motion.

The run started and ended with a sandy run. Highlights that I gathered from talking to team members was that Isabel bought a wetsuit the day before the race because of the 60 degree water temperature. Christine showed up with a new Lemond race bike to race on. Wendy borrowed my neoprene cap because the water was really 60 degrees! Matt was the only guy from our club to race the longer event. Gee, I'm glad I didn't do it, as the windy conditions got worst throughout the day. Well, Eric Yatko is making a habit out beating the Flynchinaman to the finish line. The race is now on boy, the Flynchinaman will not take this lying down.

### **Sprint Distance**

Eric Yatko (1 <sup>st</sup> junior) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Overall	1:08:24
Flynchinaman	3rd Overall 1:08:39
Isabel Brady	3rd place /80 <sup>th</sup> overall 40-44 female 1:34:01
Christine Hoopes	7 <sup>th</sup> place/ 142 overall 40-44 female 1:49:09
Wendy Gesund	1 <sup>st</sup> place /45 <sup>th</sup> overall 45-49 female 1:25:49

### **Olympic Distance**

Matt Gurtatowski	5 <sup>th</sup> place/65 <sup>th</sup> overall 40-44 male 2:37:56
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