



Guernsey Granite Kids Triathlon 2016

Aztec Jersey Tristars made the trip across to Guernsey at the weekend to take part in the Granitekids Triathlon at Beau Sejour. 22 Tristars aged seven to twelve took part across three Tristars age categories with Jersey's athletes packing the podium places in almost every category.

Tristars Start

First to race were the youngest age group, Tristars Start, who completed a 50m pool swim, a 1 lap (600m) off-road cycle and finished with a 1 lap (500m) run around the park. Representing Jersey were Saffy Butler and Ava Kennedy who emerged from the pool in second and third places not far behind the leader from Guernsey. Positions remained unchanged on the bike course though the gaps increased. On the final run section Saffy flew around the lap, taking the lead by halfway round and finishing with a comfortable victory margin. Ava also ran well, making up much of the time between herself and the early leader but she was just unable to make up the position finishing in third place.

Tristars Start Results

Girls: 1 Saffy Butler (J) , 2 Daisy Andrews (G) , 3 Ava Kennedy (J)

Boys: 1 Francisco Rocha (G)

Tristars One

Tristars 1 saw the biggest field of the day with a total of 19 athletes starting, girls and boys taking part in separate waves. Going first Jersey's girls Elizabeth Atkinson and Hannah Worth led out of the pool almost together with Guernsey's Delphine Riley further back. Siena Stephens and Seana Silvester were next for Jersey with the remaining Jersey girls Olivia Boustouler, Lucy Cohu, Libby Hart, Saskia Ruddy and Elsa Wanless emerging almost at the same time from their 100m swim. Onto the bikes and a 4 lap (2.1km) cycle started to shake things up, at the front Elizabeth built a gap on Hannah in second, while Libby Hart made her way through the field and Siena Stephens made it up to third place. Onto the run and Elizabeth further increased her gap to win ahead of Hannah and Siena – a Jersey 1-2-3!

In the boys race Casper Whitewood and Luke Holmes fought fiercely in the swim emerging almost together with Oscar Dodds and the leading Guernsey boy not far behind. A mistake on the bike course cost Luke some time and despite clawing most of that back it was Casper who was first back to transition while Oscar lost time to his closest competitors on the bike. Onto the run course a fine performance by Casper saw him win by a good margin from Luke with Finley Mechem of Guernsey taking the final podium place.

Tristars One Results:

Girls: 1 Elizabeth Atkinson (J), 2 Hannah Worth (J), 3 Siena Stephens (J)

Boys: 1 Casper Whitewood (J), 2 Luke Holmes (J), 3 Finley Mechem (G)

Tristars Two

Last up were the oldest Tristars Two athletes who completed a 200m swim, 2.6km cycle and 1.5km run. Freddie Lucas led out of the swim but Charlie Hart was only just behind as they headed to their bikes. Tom Huelin and Sol Silverster were next out of the water along with Guernsey athletes including the leading girl Adrienne Leech. Jersey's only female athlete in this category, Hollie Masefield, was second girl to finish the swim ahead of the remaining Guernsey girls. On the bike and Freddie and Charlie battled it out with little change by the time they entered their final transition to the run with Guernsey's Jacques Cauvin holding onto third place. Charlie lost a few seconds in transition but a strong run by Freddie put paid to his chances, leaving Charlie to focus behind him on the fast running Sol Silvester who had overtaken the leading Guernsey athlete but was just unable to take Charlie's position too. Hollie held on with a solid cycle and a rapid run to finish second girl.

Tristars Two Results:

Boys: 1 Freddie Lucas (J) , 2 Charlie Hart (J) , 3 Sol Silvester (J)

Girls: 1 Adrienne Leech (G) , 2 Hollie Masefield (J), 3 Katie Le Picq (G)

Another successful and sunny trip to Guernsey over the bikes and bags were squeezed back into the van (kindly provided by the Jersey Cycling Association Youth Academy) and the athletes onto the plan back to Jersey, exhausted but all happy with another set of great performances.