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Duel with Dawson winner is announced!

One of the first middle distance races of the year; The Belvoir Castle triathlon, took place back on Saturday 24th May. Set in the rural Leicestershire countryside, the team at Just Racing UK highlighted another successful event, which ran smoothly in the tough conditions that the British weather provided. The torrential rain and water logged fields added to the challenging course for the athletes, and it was a suitably wet day for all involved.

And to make things more interesting the Just Racing UK team launched a '*Duel with Dawson*' competition, inviting all athletes racing the full distance, to be in with a chance of winning a 'super prize bundle' by completing the bike section in the fastest time. And the man to beat was TT legend Kevin Dawson, who has been crowned the British Best-All-Rounder a record breaking eleven times, and still holds records at both 50 and 100 miles. This was certainly not going to be an easy feat.

However, it was not to be Dawson's day - the winner was in fact Chris Nicholls, who not only won the outstanding prize bundle, but also the Men's event outright too. Chris says, "*The key for me was pacing the race correctly, this crucially meant not letting some of the obstacles on the course affect me too much - those being the difficult swim, long transitions, a hilly bike/run course as well as the typical British weather*".

Chris, part of Team Freespeed, won the 'Duel with Dawson' bike section, just shy of three minutes to Karl Alexander of Team ERDINGER, in 1 hour and 58 minutes and 4

seconds. Chris continues, *'Anyone who has kept an eye on triathlon results in the last year will know that Kevin has put in some blistering bike splits, I was aware of him but I just wanted to focus on my race. The bike course had a good mixture of flat sections for the power houses, some hills for the whippets, as well as some twisty sections so there was something in there for everyone'*.

Chris continues; *'It's the first time I've pushed myself at all over that distance so I was sure to eat and drink plenty. I was delighted to see I had won the promotion but was disappointed that it was on the technicality of Kevin getting a DQ, maybe next year we can do it again and have a proper battle! The super prize bundle topped off a fantastic day at The Beaver. I'm excited to use all the kit.'*

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