

Emma Snowsill leads Oz double

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DIMINUTIVE Australian Emma Snowsill battled cramps and nausea to claim her second successive ITU World Cup triathlon win in Edmonton, Canada yesterday. The win will enhance her favoritism for an historic third world crown in Lausanne just two months.

Described by a rival competitor as "racing like a man in a cute little girl's body", Snowsill said "I just kept wishing it was over. It was really hard & I wasn't feeling well. I just didn't feel sparky." said the Commonwealth Games gold medalist who will bid to become the first woman triathlete to win a third world title in September.

While Snowsill targeted the Commonwealth Games as her major goal for 2006, her emphatic win while under the weather has fuelled speculation the 24-year-old will write her name into history on a tough and technical course in Switzerland on 2nd September. Despite being thrust into the limelight in the lead-up to the world titles, Snowsill said she was impressed by another Australian, the world under-23 champion Emma Moffat's silver performance. Snowsill and Moffat's domination was the first time this year two Australians have shared a World Cup podium with New Zealander Sam Warriner taking bronze yesterday.

Olympic gold medallist Hamish Carter won a men's race devoid of male Australians with American world under-23 champion Shoemaker and Kemper filling the minor positions.

Yesterday's two winners will now head to the US for the rich Life Time Fitness Battle of the Sexes race this weekend. The winner of the richest event in triathlon will pocket \$US200,000 in cash and prizes.



Victorious Emma Snowsill headed an Australian double.