

# World Championship on the Big Island

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Exactly 850 fine-tuned athletes, including superb specimens from the OCC, traveled from 45 states and 13 foreign countries to compete in the ultimate human endurance test—the Ironman Triathalon.

757 men and 93 women began this grueling, but increasingly popular annual event, but only 91% actually finished. The rest dropped out due to human and mechanical failures ranging

from leg cramps and seizures to shredded bike tires and broken derailleurs.

Excitement and celebration broke out in the normally sleepy little coastal town of Kailua-Kona on the Big Island as winner Dave Scott crossed the finish line in the record time of 9:08:23. A fitness consultant from Davis, California, he had the fastest individual times in the 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike race and 26.2-mile marathon run. Blazing past the race finish line in a record 10:54:08 was the first lady of Triathalon, ironwoman Julie Leach.

Our first OCC member to finish, Roger Cundall, clocked in 312th place with a time of 12:37:32. Not far behind was James Krueger with a time of 12:50:38. Jim Stahl, with a respectable time of 13:39:44, was the 475th person across the finish line and Eve Anderson the 712th at 16:11:48.

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