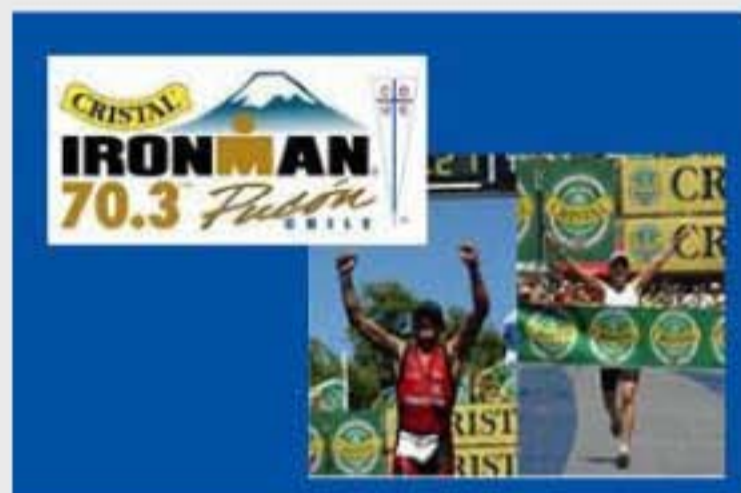


Gollnick and Galindez take Pucon 70.3

Gollnick defends title while Galindez wins for the fourth time in Pucon

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Heather Gollnick and Oscar Galindez won Cristal Ironman 70.3 Pucon last weekend, both running away from their competition over the tough, hilly run course. For Gollnick it was her second win in a row, while Galindez reclaimed the title he lost to Reinaldo Colucci last year.

Galindez caught up to Colucci during the picturesque bike ride after losing time to the Brazilian (who was first out of the water alongside Daniel Fontana and Felipe Van de Wyngard) after the swim. Galindez stormed through the bike, though, and entered T2 just seconds behind Colucci and used a 1:18:07 run split over the challenging run course to claim his fourth title in Pucon in a record setting 3:57:26.

"I am very happy because I love to run in Pucon," Galindez said after the race. "The public was spectacular as well as the organization, that is why I feel good about what we did."

"The duel was extremely hard with Galindez," Colucci said. "I'm leaving Pucon happy with our effort. Galindez is a very good athlete and I congratulate him and also the organization for this excellent race."

Gollnick runs to another win

After getting a "fat lip and a black eye" during the swim (first out of the water was American Amanda Stevens), Linsey Corbin moved to the lead during the bike. Corbin held off fellow American Gollnick through the first two loops of the run course, but for the second year in a row had to settle with the runner-up spot to the five-time Ironman champion.

Gollnick won in 4:28:48, followed by Corbin and Stevens.

"It was an amazing race next to my friend Linsey," Gollnick said after the race. "I have always said that I love coming to Pucon and for sure I will keep on coming."

Top 5 Women:

1 GOLLNICK HEATHER US 4:28:58

2 CORBIN LINSEY US 4:29:24

3 STEVENS AMANDA US 4:40:50

4 BORBA ANA BRA 4:44:50

5 TASTETS PAMELA CHI 4:47:56