

Do you think the triathlon will be won by someone who is very strong in one event and average in the other two, or someone who is strong in all three disciplines?

Below are the results from the 2008 Olympics Men's Triathlon.

What do you notice?

Place	Triathlete	Swimming	Cycling	Running	Total time
1	Jan Frodeno (GER)	00:18:14	00:59:01	00:30:46	01:48:53
2	Simon Whitfield (CAN)	00:18:18	00:58:56	00:30:48	01:48:58
3	Bevan Docherty (NZL)	00:18:23	00:58:51	00:30:57	01:49:06
4	Javier Gómez (ESP)	00:18:08	00:59:06	00:31:03	01:49:14
5	Iván Raña (ESP)	00:18:22	00:58:52	00:31:14	01:49:22
6	Daniel Unger (GER)	00:18:25	00:58:49	00:31:35	01:49:44
7	Hunter Kemper (USA)	00:18:04	00:59:06	00:31:40	01:49:49
8	Rasmus Henning (DEN)	00:18:18	00:58:57	00:31:48	01:49:57
9	Igor Sysoyev (RUS)	00:18:02	00:59:15	00:31:41	01:49:59
10	Frédéric Belaubre (FRA)	00:18:03	00:59:11	00:31:48	01:50:00
11	Courtney Atkinson (AUS)	00:18:06	00:59:08	00:32:00	01:50:10
12	Alistair Brownlee (GBR)	00:18:11	00:59:05	00:32:07	01:50:20
13	Axel Zeebroek (BEL)	00:18:30	00:57:48	00:33:15	01:50:31
14	William Clarke (GBR)	00:18:53	00:58:23	00:32:18	01:50:32
15	Christian Prochnow (GER)	00:18:23	00:58:56	00:32:21	01:50:34
16	Brad Kahlefeldt (AUS)	00:18:17	00:58:56	00:32:26	01:50:36
17	Bruno Pais (POR)	00:18:28	00:58:47	00:32:32	01:50:40
18	Jarrood Shoemaker (USA)	00:18:19	00:59:03	00:32:27	01:50:46
19	Olivier Marceau (SUI)	00:18:55	00:58:18	00:32:37	01:50:50
20	Filip Ospaly (CZE)	00:18:17	00:58:56	00:32:41	01:50:54
21	Daniil Sapunov (KAZ)	00:18:11	00:59:05	00:32:42	01:50:59
22	Dmitry Polyanski (RUS)	00:18:15	00:59:07	00:32:53	01:51:12
23	Sven Riederer (SUI)	00:18:14	00:58:52	00:33:11	01:51:19
24	Alexander Brukhankov (RUS)	00:18:10	00:59:08	00:33:01	01:51:23
25	Dirk Bockel (LUX)	00:18:26	00:57:52	00:34:19	01:51:31

26	Juraci Moreira (BRA)	00:18:24	00:58:50	00:33:22	01:51:36
27	Peter Croes (BEL)	00:18:26	00:58:51	00:33:25	01:51:41
28	Paul Tichelaar (CAN)	00:18:24	00:58:51	00:33:34	01:51:47
29	Reto Hug (SUI)	00:18:55	00:58:20	00:33:53	01:52:05
30	Ryosuke Yamamoto (JPN)	00:18:27	00:58:53	00:33:56	01:52:12
31	Sander Berk (NED)	00:18:13	00:59:06	00:33:57	01:52:18
32	Matthew Reed (USA)	00:18:25	00:58:48	00:34:19	01:52:30
33	Daniel Fontana (ITA)	00:18:22	00:58:55	00:34:26	01:52:39
34	Shane Reed (NZL)	00:18:00	00:59:19	00:34:34	01:52:48
35	Volodymyr Polikarpenko (UKR)	00:18:23	00:58:58	00:34:32	01:52:52
36	Laurent Vidal (FRA)	00:18:49	00:58:24	00:34:51	01:53:03
37	Reinaldo Colucci (BRA)	00:18:52	00:58:28	00:34:56	01:53:14
38	Simon Agoston (AUT)	00:18:20	00:59:00	00:35:02	01:53:24
39	Kris Gemmell (NZL)	00:18:41	00:58:34	00:35:42	01:53:49
40	Emilio D'Aquino (ITA)	00:18:22	00:58:56	00:35:43	01:53:58
41	Marko Albert (EST)	00:18:09	00:59:12	00:35:54	01:54:14
42	Christopher Felgate (ZIM)	00:18:21	00:59:00	00:36:09	01:54:32
43	Daniel Lee Chi Wo (HKG)	00:18:54	00:58:24	00:36:22	01:54:41
44	Francisco Serrano (MEX)	00:18:56	00:58:08	00:36:42	01:54:46
45	Duarte Silva Marques (POR)	00:18:20	00:59:06	00:36:47	01:55:07
46	Wang Daqing (CHN)	00:18:06	00:59:15	00:37:17	01:55:42
47	Csaba Kuttor (HUN)	00:18:09	00:59:13	00:37:27	01:55:53
48	Hirokatsu Tayama (JPN)	00:18:04	00:59:12	00:37:58	01:56:14
49	Omar Tayara (SYR)	00:18:23	00:58:56	00:38:19	01:56:41
50	Colin Jenkins (CAN)	00:18:12	00:58:59	00:38:39	01:56:51

You may find it helpful to sort the results in various ways, work out averages and measures of spread, or plot some graphs to test correlations between times for individual events and overall finishing positions.