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## Andrew Yoder (20), Laurel Wassner (34) Win Columbia Triathlon



**Sunday, May 23, 2010 Ellicott City, MD** – Despite a delayed start due to heavy morning rain, the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbia Triathlon began at 7:15 a.m. with 2400 participants and over 20 World Class Pros. The Columbia Triathlon (a 501-(c) (3) Corporation), is one of the most challenging and longest running triathlons in the US, and attracts a stellar lineup of world-famous, professional, and elite triathletes every year.

The race begins and ends at Centennial Park, and consists of a 1.5K swim, a 41K bike ride, and a 10K run. This year, 20-year old **Andrew Yoder from Columbia, PA** won the race for the men, and **Laurel Wassner from Hoboken, NJ** finished first among the women. Andrew is a 4<sup>th</sup>-year pro and has finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the last two Columbia Triathlons. Laurel Wassner, age 34, is a cancer survivor and turned pro in 2009. **For complete race results, photos and video, go to [http://tricolumbia.org/Columbia/2010\\_post\\_race.php](http://tricolumbia.org/Columbia/2010_post_race.php)**

“The Columbia Triathlon is a staple event for Howard County, its parks and the State of Maryland. This event annually brings thousands of people to the region to compete in a premiere and well managed triathlon,” stated Terry Hasseltine, director, Maryland Office of Sports Marketing. “In addition to the competition, the visitors help to stimulate our economy through their spending in our retail and hospitality outlets.”

Established by President and Race Director, Robert “Vigo” Vigorito, the CTA also directs the **EagleMan Ironman 70.3 Triathlon** (a Ford Ironman World Kona and Clearwater Championship) in Cambridge, MD (June 13, 2010), the **Celebration Sprint Triathlon**, Centennial Park, Ellicott City, MD (June 27, 2010), the **Tri Columbia Kidz Triathlon**, Columbia, MD (July 25, 2010), the **AFLAC Iron Girl**, **Columbia Women’s Triathlon**, Centennial Park, Ellicott City, MD (August 22, 2010), and the **ChesapeakeMan Ultra Triathlon Endurance Festival**, Cambridge, MD (September 23 and 25, 2010).

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