



INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON UNION ATHLETE PROFILE 2009



SIMON THOMPSON (AUS)

Nickname: "Thomo"
Nationality: Australian
Date of Birth: 10 December 1977
Place of Birth: Melbourne, Australia
Residence: Canberra, Australia



Height: 5'10" (1.78m)
Weight: 148 lbs (67kg)



**2008 Year-End
Ranking: 30**

Current Coach: Ben Gathercole
Current training location: Canberra, Australia

Favourite ITU Race & why: Mooloolaba for the tough, spectacular course and home crowd. Hamburg for the crowd and atmosphere.

First Triathlon and reason: First race at age 13. I loved all three disciplines and relished the chance to do all three at once. I've been hooked ever since.

Proudest Moment: My friends and Family making the trek to Athens to be with me for the Olympic Games

Triathlon Goals: To continually improve and win as many events as possible!

Personal Best: Swim (1500m) - N/A Bike (40km) - N/A Run (10km) - N/A

Most influential person in sporting career: Ben Gathercole, Sara, family, friends and sponsors who have supported me and allowed me to chase my dreams

Sponsors: Asics, AIS, RSM Bird Cameron, 2XU, Tower Software, Thompson's Nutrition, Swell Design, Avanti Bicycles, Enhance Chiro and Massage, Shimano, Oakley, HED Wheels

PERSONAL

Profession: Triathlete **Marital Status:** single
Education: Currently studying for a Diploma in Business Development
Language(s): English **Sibling(s):** one sister
Father's Occupation: Retired **Mother's Occupation:** Retired

Biggest Obstacle Time spent traveling for triathlon away from girlfriend and family. Also injuries and
Overcome: financial struggles.

Goals outside Triathlon: To live a happy and fulfilling life. I'd also like to own lots of expensive, fun toys!

CAREER

Ranking History:

2008 - 30th 2007 - 39th 2006 - 63rd 2005 - 19th 2004 - 35th 2003 - 34th 2002 - 68th
2001 - 48th

Rankings unavailable prior to 2000

World Cup Highlights:

2005 Mooloolaba World Cup winner (Mooloolaba, AUS)

2 World Cup medals

World Championship Highlights:

2008 Triathlon World Championships - 12th Place (Vancouver, CAN)

2004 Triathlon World Championships - 29th Place (Madeira, POR)

Olympics:

2004 Olympic Games - 10th Place (Athens, GRE)

Other:

2006 Commonwealth Games - 11th Place (Melbourne, AUS)