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2001 ITU Long Distance Triathlon World Championships Hopes For Double Danish Titles

Around 60,000 spectators will flock to Fredericia this Sunday, in a hope of witnessing a double Danish victory, as Susanne Nielson and Peter Sandvang contest the ITU Long Distance Triathlon Championships.

The 2001 ITU Long Distance Championships are to be raced over a 3.8 kilometre swim, 180 kilometre bike and 42.2 kilometre run distance for the first time. On a flat and technical course based around the heart of Fredericia, 100 elite competitors from 25 countries will race for a world crown, and Danish athletes Nielson and Sandvang will carry the hopes of the crowd for the duration race.

Nielson, 35, a former national representative in Olympic Distance triathlon, has a solid career record coming into the race, with technical bike abilities and speed the strengths that make her favourite.

An unknown threat to the field comes from Long Distance debutant and former Olympic Distance World Championship medallist, Erika Molnar (HUN). The run specialist was focused upon the Olympic Games until this season and has now stepped up to Long Distance.

Long distance racing is incredibly unpredictable, however and other athletes who could figure include Lisbeth Jorgensen (DEN), Lori Lyn Leach (CAN), Robyn Roocke (AUS), Sophie Delemer (FRA), Katja Mayer (GER), Marijke Zeekant (NED) and Lene Wahlqvist (SWE).

Meanwhile, Sandvang, 33, will start as favourite in the men's race. As a member of the Fredericia Triathlon Team, a double World Champion (Nice and Sater) and a former winner of this race, the Copenhagen resident has been preparing all year for the event.

However the contingent of challengers who hope to upset the local include countrymen Torbjorn Sindballe and Rasmus Henning, Mark Herremens (BEL), Cyrille Neveu and Gilles Reboul (FRA), Rainer Muller-Horner (GER), Guido Gosselink (NED) and Gianpietro De Faveri (ITA).

Starting at 7am on Sunday morning, a live webcast will be streamed from www.triathlon.org, and Sportsworld Media Group will provide photographs, media releases, information and athlete interviews upon request. Please note that photographs are free of charge for use in an editorial context and are available upon request, (see details below) by visiting www.triathlon.org, or www.allsport.co.uk after the race.

A news feed will be available as follows:

Sunday 5th August
1700 - 1715 GMT
At BT Tower

Local ends for booking are Y LOG V1, VXUK 141105 A+B
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Women

Start no.	First name	Last Name	Sex	Country
101	Susanne	Nielsen	F	DEN
102	Lisbeth	Kristensen	F	DEN
103	Karin	Jørgensen	F	DEN
104	Gudrun	Stephensen	F	DEN
105	Julie	Rasmussen	F	DEN
106	Ellen	Kjær	F	DEN
107	Jane	Fardell	F	AUS
108	Jane	Warren	F	AUS
109	Robyn	Roocke	F	AUS
110	Florence	Crowet	F	BEL
111	Lori Lynn	Leach	F	CAN
112	Bodil	Arlander	F	FIN
113	Riikka	Kelja	F	FIN
114	Anna	Kortelainen	F	FIN
115	Katja	Pakarinen	F	FIN
116	Sophie	Delemer	F	FRA
117	Estelle	Patou	F	FRA
118	Helene	Salomon	F	FRA
119	Cedrine	Soulet	F	FRA
120	Kim	Harvey	F	GBR
121	Katja	Mayer	F	GER
122	Heidi	Jesberger	F	GER
123	Nicole Marie	Rayson	F	HKG
124	Erika	Molnar	F	HUN
125	Megumi	Shigaki	F	JPN
126	Bianca	van Dijk	F	NED
127	Mariska	Kramer-Postma	F	NED
128	Cora	Vlot	F	NED
129	Marijke	Zeekant	F	NED
130	Anne	E. Eldegard	F	NOR
131	Alexis	Waddel	F	USA

132	Anna	Swärdström	F	SWE
133	Lene	Wahlqvist	F	SWE
134	Karin	Forsberg	F	SWE

Men

Start no.	First name	Last Name	Sex	Country
1	Peter	Sandvang	M	DEN
3	Torbjørn	Sindballe	M	DEN
2	Rasmus	Henning	M	DEN
5	Mikkel	Olsen	M	DEN
4	Alex	Pedersen	M	DEN
6	Johnny	Pedersen	M	DEN
7	Andrew	Robertson	M	AUS
8	Robert	Meharry	M	AUS
9	Bradley	Knox	M	AUS
10	David	Meade	M	AUS
11	Werner	Leitner	M	AUT
12	Dirk	Van Gossum	M	BEL
13	Marc	Herremans	M	BEL
14	Dave	Harju	M	CAN
15	Tomas	Petr	M	CZE
16	Petr	Vabrousek	M	CZE
17	Petr	Bocek	M	CZE
18	Michal	Pildusek	M	CZE
19	Jan	Strangmüller	M	CZE
20	Margus	Tamm	M	EST
21	Tero	Hyppölä	M	FIN
22	Mika	Luoto	M	FIN
23	Xavier	Le Floch	M	FRA
24	Philippe	Lie	M	FRA
25	Charly	Loisel	M	FRA
26	Cyrille	Neveu	M	FRA
27	Gilles	Reboul	M	FRA
28	Patrick	Vernay	M	FRA
29	Lawrence	Oldershaw	M	GBR
30	Martin	Foster	M	GBR
31	Mike	Prince	M	GBR
32	Rainer	Müller-Horner	M	GER
33	Siegfried	Ferstl	M	GER
34	Nils	Goerke	M	GER
35	Osamu	Hirata	M	JPN
36	Ji Yurl	Lee	M	KOR
37	Raimundas	Astrauskas	M	LTU
38	Dan	Dethier	M	LUX
39	Frank	Heldoorn	M	NED
40	Guido	Gosselink	M	NED
41	Richard	Van Diesen	M	NED
42	Vincent	Bruins	M	NED

43	Aril	Tveiten	M	NOR
44	Espen	Wagener	M	NOR
45	Rune	Skinnerlien	M	NOR
46	Kristoffer	Larsen	M	NOR
47	Jani	Tomsic	M	SLO
48	Erih	Pecnik	M	SLO
49	Uros	Velepec	M	SLO
50	Damjaw	Zepic	M	SLO
51	Juan	L. Izqviero	M	SPN
52	Jose	L. Cano	M	SPN
53	Avejandro	Santamaria	M	SPN
54	Jordi	Calduch	M	SPN
55	Jonas	Colting	M	SWE
56	Clas	Myrestam	M	SWE
57	Clas	Björling	M	SWE
58	Martin	Eriksson	M	SWE
59	Carpanese	Nicola	M	ITA
60	Gianpietro	De Faveri	M	ITA
61	Gazzari	Diego	M	ITA
62	Paoli	Stefano	M	ITA
63	Girasole	Federiko	M	ITA
64	Roman	Pustulka	M	POL
65	Chuckie	Veylupek	M	USA
66	Kaley	Pakinson	M	USA