

**Memphis in May Triathlon**  
**Memphis, TN**  
**1.5k swim, 40k bike, 10k run**  
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Memphis in May was certainly a race worth the seven hour drive! The morning of the triathlon was spectacular weather, and, as the USAT official measured the water temperature, we were notified that we would be allowed to wear our wetsuits. The swim was a time trial start, leading to a fast and easy entry into the water. The triangle swim course made it easy to sight. Exiting to T1, we got to climb up a small incline, which would test our bike handling skills and smooth transition techniques. The bike course was flat as I sped through the countryside of Memphis. Despite the majority of flat land in Memphis, we seemed to hit every hill possible on the run course. The run course was not flat and, by the time we hit the third leg, it started to warm up. The final turn on the run course led us across a grass levee that was approximately 400 meters long. It was an exciting finish with spectators lining the sides and cheering us in.

Unfortunately, I did not have the race I wanted; however, I can learn from this event and come out with some great racing experience in a strong field of professionals.

Memphis in May was a phenomenal event. I want to thank my wonderful host housing, Gayle and Don, who graciously opened their doors and made wonderful home cooked meals. An enormous thank you to my fantastic friend, Madeleine, who came along to support and cheer me on. Congratulations to my teammate Lauren Jensen who place 4th overall.

(Editor's note: Kim placed 9<sup>th</sup> in the women's pro division.)