

Christian Overcomes Disaster



Christian Brown, who has been a DASC member since 2009, has just competed for the third consecutive year in the ITU U20 World Sprint Triathlon Championships. The event was held in mid-September in Cozumel in Mexico as part of the week long Grand Final of the 2016 ITU World Triathlon Series. Conditions were hot and humid.

Very unfortunately for Christian disaster struck on the bike part of his race when he got a puncture. Someone less determined might have abandoned the race at that point, but he picked up his bike and ran in bare feet with it to the end of the cycle course, racked it and continued on to complete the 5km run with very sore feet and legs in the 25th best time of the race.

Despite this Christian finished 37th out of 68 competitors and was the 5th GB athlete home out of 8.

It was particularly disappointing, as Christian had been going very well up until the puncture. He finished the swim section lying in 24th place, overtook several competitors on the long run into transition and was doing well on the bike at the front of the chasing pack with only 4 ahead in the front pack. He has worked especially hard on his cycling this year.

Although his final position and time were not what he hoped for, Christian is looking forward to competing next season and being able to demonstrate his improvement and his capabilities. Within 24 hours of arriving back home, Christian travelled to Leeds where he is starting a degree course and pursuing triathlon at Leeds Beckett University. Leeds is the home of the Brownlee brothers and many other successful triathletes are also currently based there.

DASC wishes Christian all the very best in the coming year.