



# BUTTERFIELD *Racing*



**TYLER BUTTERFIELD**



## ABOUT

Tyler Butterfield is a rare sporting talent, having raced at the height of competition in two separate disciplines. A two-time Olympian in triathlon (Athens 2004 and London 2012) and a 2006 Commonwealth Games contender in cycling, Tyler has now turned his focus toward proving his strength-endurance skill in the long-course non-drafting triathlon race format. Tyler's road to the 2013 Ironman World Championship in Kona came as the result of a series of stellar performances, including fourth at Ironman Arizona, 10th at Ironman Melbourne, second at Ironman 70.3 Muncie, seventh at Ironman 70.3 Racine, third at Ironman 70.3 Calgary and ninth at the Ironman 70.3 World Championship in Las Vegas. Tyler's Kona performance reflected his intense focus on training to race in contention with the world's best long-course athletes. He was aggressive on the bike, coming into T2 with eventual race winner Frederik Van Lierde and running firmly in fourth place on the marathon until falling back three positions in the final two miles. His seventh place finish—landing him proudly among the world's elusive top ten—was especially poignant, as his father Jim Butterfield earned the same honor in 1981.

The 2013 Ironman World Championship gave Tyler the confidence that the iron-distance—especially when contested in the brutally barren lava fields of Kona—is where his natural talent lies. He's eager to return in 2014 with the wisdom of experience, and with a cache of early qualifying points (based on his 2013 Las Vegas and Kona finishes) that will allow him to smartly and strategically plan his 2014 race season, rather than chase points throughout the year. Tyler's key 2014 races will include the Abu Dhabi International Triathlon and the Commonwealth Games in the build up to Kona.

Tyler's athletic prowess is a brilliant blend of hard work and genetics—his father was an Olympic rower, a Commonwealth Games marathoner and an Ironman pioneer (setting the course run record in 1981), and his mother a marathoner—her fastest a year after Tyler was born at the U.S. Olympic Trials in Olympia, Washington (2:38:44 in 1984). Though Tyler is often seen as a strongman on the bike due to his stint on the European professional cycling circuit, he shows equal strength on the run, carrying on his fleet-footed parents' legacy with frequent course record-setting splits, including a 1:07:52 half marathon at the 2010 Ironman 70.3 U.S. Pro Championship. Tyler proudly enjoys dual citizenship (Bermudian and American) and travels the world training and racing, accompanied by his long-time love Nikki and their daughter Savana. The couple will welcome a baby boy in early 2014.

## RESULTS

- Athens and London Olympian (2004 & 2012)
- Pan American Champion | La Paz, Argentina (2012)
- 1st | Abu Dhabi International Triathlon | United Arab Emirates (2014)
- 2nd | Ironman Cozumel | Cozumel, Mexico (2013)
- 3rd | Ironman France | Nice, France (2014)
- 3rd | Abu Dhabi International Triathlon | United Arab Emirates (2013)
- 7th | Ironman World Championship | Hawaii, USA (2013)
- 9th | Ironman World Championship 70.3 | Nevada, USA (2013)

*Additional results available online.*

## 2014 SCHEDULE

- March 15 | Abu Dhabi International Triathlon | Abu Dhabi, UAE
- May 24 | Bermuda Half Marathon Derby | Hamilton, Bermuda
- July 24 | Commonwealth Games Triathlon | Glasgow, Scotland
- September 7 | Ironman World Championship 70.3 | Mont-Tremblant, Quebec
- October 11 | Ironman World Championship | Kona, USA

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