




INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON UNION ATHLETE PROFILE 2008



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Nickname: "Jess"
Nationality: French 
Date of Birth: 27 October 1977
Place of Birth: Sheffield, England, Great Britain
Residence: Montpellier, France

Height: 5'7" (1.70m)
Weight: 132 lbs (60kg)



2007 Year-End Ranking: 23

Current Coach: Stephanie Gros
Current training location: Montpellier, France

Favourite ITU Race & why: Salford because of the great atmosphere with a great public and I often have a solid race there.

First Triathlon and reason: When I was 11 I tried a kids triathlon because my Dad had done some triathlons and said they were fun.

Proudest Moment: Racing for the first time under French colours – it is an honour to represent a country that has taken me in so warmly.

Triathlon Goals: Be the best I can be – if that road takes me via the Games and some World cup podiums then great!

Personal Best: Swim (1500m) - 18:45 Bike (40km) - 1:00:00 Run (10km) - 36:00

Most influential person in sporting career: My Dad

Sponsors: Poissy Triathlon, MBK bikes, Adidas, Mavic, Time, Aquaman, COLAS, Sport 2000

PERSONAL

Profession: Triathlete **Marital Status:** single

Education: BSc (Hons) PE and Sports science, Loughborough University, England and Diploma in Translation, Institute of Linguistics, UK

Language(s): French, English, little Spanish **Sibling(s):** one brother

Father's Occupation: Retired engineer **Mother's Occupation:** Retired social worker

Family History in Sport: My maternal Grandfather was a talented middle distance runner and hockey player before WWII. My father is very sporty (runs, bikes, triathlon) and he got me into cycling and triathlon.

Biggest Obstacle in Life: I think I've been pretty spoiled by life and have no right to complain. A big wake up call in my private life at the end of 2005 was a make or break moment though, and has certainly helped me to grab life and triathlon by the balls.

Goals outside Triathlon: Stay happy and healthy.

Other: Currently one of the ITU athlete representatives.

CAREER

Ranking History:

2007 - 23rd 2006 - 13th 2005 - 55th 2004 - 35th 2003 - 45th 2002 - 58th 2001 - 157th

Rankings unavailable prior to 2000

World Cup Highlights:

1 World Cup medal

12 World Cup top ten finishes

World Championship Highlights:

2007 Triathlon World Championships - 9th Place (Hamburg, GER)

2006 Triathlon World Championships - 14th Place (Lausanne, SUI)

1997 Triathlon Junior World Championships - 9th Place (Perth, AUS)

1995 Triathlon Junior World Championships - 8th Place (Cancun, MEX)

Olympics:

2008 Olympic Games - 12th Place (Beijing, CHN)

Other:

2008 Triathlon European Championships - 9th Place (Lisbon, POR)

2006 Triathlon European Championships - 12th Place (Autun, FRA)

2003 Triathlon European Championships - 10th Place (Carlsbad, CZE)