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UIPM 2016 BIATHLE-TRIATHLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: DAY 1 REPORT

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The 2016 UIPM Biathle-Triathle World Championships began with a double dose of delight for the host nation as USA claimed senior gold medals in both the Biathle and Triathle Mixed Relays.

Husband-and-wife pair Logan (27) and Erin (25) Storie claimed top spot in the Biathle relay thanks to a performance of perfect synergy in front of a home crowd at Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota, Florida.

UIPM 2016 Biathle-Triathle World Championships Logan and Erin Storie

Storie & Storie (USA) finished nine seconds ahead of the second-placed Czech Republic (Eliska Priblova & Tomas Svoboda) with bronze going to Great Britain (Clare Forbes & Gregan Clarkson).

Local fans were given further cause for celebration in the Triathle Mixed Relay as USA (Samantha Achterberg & Dennis Bowsher) claimed first place to complete a day of dominance by the host nation.

Achterberg & Bowsher (a veteran of the London 2012 Olympic Games) enjoyed a massive winning margin of almost two minutes over silver medallists Italy (Nicole Campaner & Valerio Quinzi), with Canada (Kelly Fitzsimons & Jonathan Denoon) claiming bronze.

More than 500 athletes from 25 countries have gathered on the west coast of Florida to participate in the championships, with athletes aged from the Youth F category (eight and under) to Masters competing in the two different formats.

Learn more about Triathle and Biathle and check out the results of all this weekend's action on the UIPM website. Picture galleries can be viewed in the media section.

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