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AMERICANS MATT REED AND BECKY LAVELLE WIN 26th ANNUAL ACCENTURE ESCAPE FROM ALCATRAZ™ TRIATHLON SUNDAY, JUNE 4

San Francisco – (June 4, 2006) More than 2,000 amateur and professional athletes completed the 26th annual Accenture Escape From Alcatraz™ Triathlon Sunday, June 4, with Matt Reed from Boulder, CO winning the prestigious event. Top athletes from 49 U.S. states and 33 countries competed. Featuring a 1.5 mile swim from Alcatraz Island to the shore, an 18-mile bike and an 8-mile run through San Francisco, this race is considered one of the most difficult triathlons in the world and was named the number one triathlon by Inside Triathlon magazine in 2006.

Top Finishers:

First Place: Matt Reed, Boulder, CO, time: 2:03:36
Becky Lavelle, Los Gatos, CA, time: 2:21:05
Second Place: Andy Potts, Colorado Springs, CO, time: 2:04:08
Laura Bennett, North Palm Beach, FL, time: 2:22:11
Third Place: Simon Whitfield, British Columbia, CAN, time: 2:04:32
Sara McLarty, Colorado Springs, CO, time: 2:23:30

“This year’s race was incredibly challenging, particularly the swim,” said Accenture Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon Winner Matt Reed. “The wind picked up creating serious chop but I felt good going into the run. And I knew that if I could get a lead in the bike I could win the race. I did get a bit concerned during the run with amazing athletes like Hunter Kemper and Andy Potts behind me. I am really excited about my win.”

Accenture, the title sponsor for the event, is the world’s largest global management, consulting, technology services and outsourcing company. The official airline for the race is Jet Blue. Additional sponsors include Clif Bar, Speedo, Cytomax, Whole Foods, Hornblower Cruises and Events, Sports Club/LA

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The Accenture Escape from Alcatraz™ Triathlon is managed by IMG. For additional information, visit www.escapefromalcatraztriathlon.com or contact IMG San Francisco at 415/227-8000. For media inquiries, contact Spin Communications at 415/380-8390. Contact: DeeDee Taft, deedee@spinpr.com or 415/515-1229.

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