

# Teva Adventure Series Goes WILD IN THE WEST!

## 2009 Perth Race Report

Before even the first hint of dawn raised it's head, those keen Western Australians started to appear as cars & bikes rolled into Karragullen ready for round 2 of the Teva Adventure Series in Perth.

With a record number of entrants, teams were keen to see who the competition was this year and the glimmer of sunrise on the horizon heralded the start of registration, with most teams hurriedly planning, organising and preparing for that all important first challenge of the day, which could make all the difference to their race.



At 7:55am a huge field lined up across Karragullen Oval for the first challenge of the day, and after a short brief they were off. The easy starting pace lulled a few into a false sense of security and as the paced heated up a few teams fell before the first level. With hearts pumping and legs raging, the majority pushed onto level 2, but in the spirit of the Teva Adventure Series they had loads of support from the sidelines encouraging each competitor along the way.

Reaching level 2 most teams opted to save their legs and start mid-field leaving just a few hardy soles to push onto the final level. At level 3 all but 3 teams pulled out and we were left to be amazed as **Team XYZ** bravely went on to take the 'Last Man Standing' prize from Mountain Designs.

With just minutes to spare we were ready for the first teams to sprint across the oval, jump on their bikes and head off in every direction into the bush. At TA 12 all was quiet, ready and waiting for the Mixed and Corporate teams to arrive. A flash of orange was seen in the bush and the first teams raced in on their bikes. **Goats on Acid** led the mixed teams in with **Lost in Transition** and **Freo Shockers** following close behind. **Pulsation** had a short lead over **Super Dry** in the Corporate category into the TA.



With the first 2 challenges achieved **Goats on Acid** led out of the TA with a couple of minutes over **Lost in Transition** then **Freo Shockers** as they raced back to HQ to complete the first leg.

At TA 5 **Paddy Pallin – Shotz Sports Nutrition** had a 10 minute lead over the field as they started the Trek leg, **Carnege in Pederick Lane**, came into the TA in second place with **Team Pilatus** third.



After completing the Trek Leg and the first challenge at TA 5 **Paddy Pallin – Shotz Sports Nutrition** held onto the lead with **Beagle Boys** leap frogging a number of teams on the Trek to move into second place, with **Teva Rockets** in third. The race back to HQ was on.

In the Female category, **Paddy Pallin Chicks** led into TA 5 with **Eager Beavers** in second and **Mountain Designs chicks** third as they hit the foot leg. At the end of the Trek and after completing the first challenge **Wholly Fit** led the teams out of TA 5 with **Mountain Designs Chicks** second and **Paddy Pallin Chicks** moving back to third.

Back at HQ the Mixed and Corporate categories took on Survivor and the Road Block with **Goats on Acid** still holding a short lead over **Freo Shockers** and then **Boozy Floozies** as they now headed north on the second MTB leg. **Pulsation** had now taken a commanding lead in the Corporate category and hit the trails not far behind the lead Mixed teams.

Not long after the top mixed and corporate teams left HQ the first Male and Female teams started to arrive with **Paddy Pallin – Shotz Sports Nutrition** still in the lead, **Teva Rockets** second and **Team Pilatus** third. With 2 challenges to complete and a bit of running involved things could easily change. **Mountain Designs Chicks** still held onto a short lead with **Wholly Fit** and **Paddy Pallin Chicks** coming into HQ neck and neck in second.

**Paddy Pallin – Shotz Sports Nutrition** made a fast dash through the challenges at HQ and left with a good lead over the **Beagle Boys** in second and **Teva Rockets** not far behind in third. With a fast blast through the challenges at HQ **Paddy Pallin Chicks** took the lead again with **Mountain Designs Chicks** second and **Wholly Fit** third.



Meanwhile teams in the 'let's have fun' end of the field impressed officials with their construction and interior design skills in Survivor with some very impressive designs and decoration to take out event more entries to win some of the fantastic prizes in the Teva Fun One draw including the awesome Octane 8 packs from Camelbak.

Some teams chose more leg work to make their construction job just that little bit easier before the storm hit! Most survived, but some teams suffered from a lack of listening skills and felt the full force of the Survivor Storm and paid the price!

Strength & Accuracy were in demand as teams chose to either Run the Gauntlet or Run the Bungee with some teams really stretching themselves in the Teva Fun One Challenge. **Murray Bryant** from team **Woop Woop** and **Glen Martin** from **Brookland Bandits** proved to be the strong men of the day and were the first to snatch the booty and take home gift vouchers for their team from Mountain Designs.



Heading north on the second MTB leg, **Goats on Acid** took short a lead into the Trek Leg with **Freo Shockers** and **Old Skool** hard on their heels. **Pulsation** followed close behind keeping a good lead in the Corporate category. At the end of the foot leg and with challenges complete, **Goats on Acid** left first from the TA with **Freo Shockers** second and **Old Skool** third as the race to the finish line started.



At TA 12, **Paddy Pallin – Shotz Sports Nutrition** still held the lead with 2 challenges to complete before heading back to the finish line, **Beagle Boys** were holding second with **Teva Rockets** third. **Paddy Pallin chicks** lead the female category in to the TA with **Mountain Designs Chicks** second and **Wholly Fit** third.

At the final dash for the line **Paddy Pallin – Shotz Sports Nutrition** took line honours with category places going to the following teams.

The prize giving was a great opportunity to recognise not only our top athletes who crossed the line first, but those who chose to compete in the spirit of the event in the Teva Fun One, and also those who chose to make their adventure into an adventure with a purpose and very generously raise funds in support of the Starlight Children's Foundation.

It seems those Western Australians have proved that all the good things we always say about them are true, generously raising over **\$3,700** for the **Starlight Children's Foundation**, and thanks to Mountain Designs our top fundraisers were awarded with 3 x \$100 gift vouchers for their fantastic efforts!



At the end of the day award went to:

### **Top Starlight Fundraising Heroes - Perth**

Team Rockets – Martin McNiff, Neil O’Leary, Andrew Bragg **Raised \$1,925!**

### **Premier Mixed**

1<sup>st</sup> – Goats on Acid – 3:25:05, Jason Wallington, Paul Williams, Sarah Dunnage

2<sup>nd</sup> – Freo Shockers – 3:48:55, Robin Simpson, Joel Tate, Antoinette Thompson

3<sup>rd</sup> – Lost in Transition – 3:51:01, Nicki Rehn, Kent Morgan, Paul Harrison

### **Corporate**

1<sup>st</sup> – Pulsation – 4:03:15, Mal King, Scott Rowley, Luke Nesbitt

### **Female**

1<sup>st</sup> – Paddy Pallin Chicks – 3:59:16, Jen Graham-Taylor, Cath Chalmers, Karen Staudte

2<sup>nd</sup> – Mountain Designs Chicks – 4:17:28, Meg O’Leary, Lynda Green, Sophie Giles

3<sup>rd</sup> – Wholly Fit – 4:59:17, Sarah Gillespie, Lucy Bowman, Kylie Adams

### **Male**

1<sup>st</sup> – Paddy Pallin – Shotz Sports Nutrition – 3:17:34, John Toomey, Steve Fletcher, Ricky Thackery

2<sup>nd</sup> – Woop Woop – 3:52:17, Jon Williamson, Jake Hannah, Murray Bryant

3<sup>rd</sup> – Beagle Boys – 3:53:25, John Althaus, Shane Bolton, Damon spencer



Our special congratulations go to everyone who competed in the spirit of the event. Who kept smiling all the way to the finish line and especially to every team who contributed to the amazing \$3,700 raised for the Starlight Children’s Foundation.

If you’re ready for a Teva Adventure then look out for events coming to a town near you. Upcoming events include:

Brisbane: 23rd August

Sydney: 6th September

Champs Brisbane: 4th October



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