

## **For Immediate Release**

## HEADLINE: Michael Lovato wins Ironman Arizona on a Javelin Barolo

**LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas – April 19, 2006 –** Michael Lovato topped the men's pro field at the Ford Ironman Arizona, clocking a time of 8:20:56, adding a second Ironman victory to his credit.

"The Barolo was a big part of why my victory was possible today," said Lovato. "I felt so strong and comfortable all day." Lovato's bike split of 4:30:25 was the second fastest of the day, which put him in T2 in first place.

"I was running scared right from the tent," Lovato said after finishing the race. Lovato exited T2 in the lead, not far behind was chaser Spencer Smith, who throughout the run, came very close, but was never able to catch Lovato.

Two other Javelin athletes performed well at Powerman Alabama. Andrea Ratkovic and Lauren Jenson took first and third place respectively. "My Javelin has allowed me to fly on the bike leg and come out with a good run split," said Ratkovic. This is Ratkovic's second victory here in as many years. Both Ratkovic and Jensen dominated the bike course in route to their respective places.

The Javelin bicycles that Lovato, Ratkovic, and Jensen rode are stock framesets developed through Javelin's wind tunnel testing program, specifically designed for triathletes and time trialists.

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