

The six-time Kona champion's constant smile belied a fierce competitor who dominated Kona for years. A brutal bike crash in 2007 sidelined her for a few years, but the ageless Swiss athlete soldiered back to the sport, taking Ironman South Africa in 2012 at the age of 45. She competed as a pro in Kona last year at 49, finally retiring from professional racing aged 50.

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