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## 2008 Stage 9 Live Text Commentary

Stage Date: 8 Nov 2008 64.4 km | Start at 13:30 | Finish 15:00 (approx) |  
 | Winton - Browns - Springhills - Grove Bush - Myross Bush - Invercargill (Gala Street) |

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15:58:12

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 Dominique Rollin wins stage 9.

Hayden Roulston wins the 2008 PowerNet Tour of Southland in a packed Gala Street in sunny Invercargill. Gordon McCauley was seconds at 2:09, followed by Heath Blackgrove at 4:57.

**Dominique Rollin** wins the **Harcourts Sprint Ace Classification**.

**James Williamson** won the **Regent Car Court Under 23 Classification**.

**Jeremy Yates** wins the **Hydraulink King of the Mountains Classification**.

**Subway Avanti** win the **Wensleys Avanti Plus Teams Classification**

See you all next year!

15:05:16

Dominique Rollin (Delmaine R&R) wins stage 9 in Gala Street from a HiLo rider.

Stand by for placings.

15:03:05

With one lap to go, they are all together. It should make for an exciting finish in front of a big crowd gathered in Gala Street.

I would like to thank all of the guys who have been in car 47 for their company, advise and assistance during the tour. Graeme Atkinson, Rachel Neutze and Peter Martinez have all been good value and I hope that they have enjoyed their week on Tour. Thanks to Laura this afternoon for her help as well.

14:57:08

Two laps to go now and the main field are all together.

I noticed Roulston, Rollin, McCauley and Yates in the main group.

If I had any spare money to gamble with, it would probably be on Dominique Rollin to win the stage.

He has already won the **Harcourts Sprint Ace**

All the field are on the Queens Drive Circuit now with three laps to go.

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14:46:45

Onto Herbert Street, they are almost caught as we approach the turn at Kelvin Street.

The riders will cors the finish line and then do three laps of Queens Park.

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Onto Queens Drive the gap is back to 20 seconds. A mass sprint for the crowd at Gala Street.

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14:41:59 Graeme Atkinson reckons nephew, 93 Jonathon ATKINSON [RSR] will have a go if they can stay away.

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14:39:18 The gap is down to 32 seconds now as we pass Ray Robinson`s house.  
At Myross Bush School, the sign says "Spin it Daddy 97" referring to Travis Kane (Southwest Helicopters).

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Turning onto Bainfield Road the gap is down to 40 seconds.

14:35:28 These leading riders are getting into their work now.  
The time check in now 1:09 ... as the peleton put on the pressure behind.

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We just passed the Rakahouka Church were many of the Junior Div 2 races start. The leading group look like they are maintaining their lead as they roll along at around 48km/h.

Turning into Mill Road North (at 39.2km) the time gap is 49 seconds. It has come back 20 seconds since the last check.

Passing Allan & Joy Lindsay (previous owners of Wensleys Avanti Plus) the gap was 47 seconds.

At the 25km to go sign the gap is 45 seconds.

14:26:08 25 Brad HALL [PRL] 41 Mathew GORTER [PNT] 93 Jonathon ATKINSON [RSR] 108 Alex MALONE [CRS] have a lead of about 100m as we approach the sprint at Browns.

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7.8km Central Southland TAB Sprint  
93 Jonathon ATKINSON [RSR]  
41 Mathew GORTER [PNT]  
108 Alex MALONE [CRS]

These leaders have around a 16 second lead after 8.3km

They are maintaining their lead after 11.7km at 17 seconds.

There is not much action going on at the front of the peleton at the moment.

The gap has closed to about 7 seconds and the peleton is closing.

Turning into Tussock Creek Road, they are almost back together.

Approaching Springhills 26 Robin REID [RBP] 38 Elliott CROWTHER (U23) [APH] 53 Alex MEENHORST (U23) [KMS] 93 Jonathon ATKINSON [RSR] have gone away with another couple trying to get across.

39 Mike NORTHEY (U23) [APH] 60 Kirk O`BEE [HDL] 94 Brian BIGGS [RSR] have got across.

This leading group have about an 18 second lead after about 18km. Biggs is struggling to stay on and has drifted 25 metres back.

The gap is 32 seconds now as we pass Penny Freeborn and her family waving the guys on at their farm gate at 20km.

The leading group are flying along as cruise along at around 55 km/h. The last time check was 37 seconds.

Looking back at the race, at the start of the Hill Climb, they are all strung out.

26.4km Dominator Doors (Grove Bush) Hill Climb  
53 Alex MEENHORST (U23) [KMS]  
60 Kirk O`BEE [HDL]  
38 Elliott CROWTHER (U23) [APH]

49 seconds is the latest time check at 27km.

The last time check is 1:40 to the main bunch 19 Alex MCGREGOR (U23) [CST] has gone off the front and is trying to get across as we turn onto the Rakahouka-Hedgehope Road.

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Alex MCGREGOR did not manage to get across and has been caught by the peleton.  
Stage 9 has just started. no attacks yet as we roll along the road to Browns. Sitting on about 45km/h on a beautiful sunny afternoon.

93 Jonathon ATKINSON [RSR] and 108 Alex MALONE [CRS] have attacked but were swallowed up pretty quickly, just before the sprint

4.1km AB Lime Sprint  
108 Alex MALONE [CRS]  
20 James McCOY (U23) [CST]

47 Peter RENNIE (U23) [NMS]

13:35:19

Rachel from Bike NZ has got into one of the PowerNet vehicles at Winton. I have got a new helper for this stage in the form of my eldest daughter, Laura, a member of the Cycling Southland Junior Club.

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13:17:19

There are a lot of people in sunny Winton cheering the riders as they start the final stage. I was talking to Chris O' Connor from Cycle Surgery last night about him pulling out of the Tour on Wednesday. He said he got to the roundabout at Coopers Corner and decided it was "too hard to pedal in the snow", went around the roundabout and headed home for a hot shower.

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He then followed the stage via our text commentary on the web site. His girlfriend, Heidi Bulling, meanwhile was on the back of Paul Clarks motorbike, wondering where hell Chris was!

After the stage had finished, Chris called his cellphone in the team van and told them all where he was.

13:14:26

**Welcome to the LIVE TEXT Commentary for stage 9 in the 52nd PowerNet Tour of Southland.**

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**The LIVE TEXT commentary is brought to you by Tony Corkill from Gen-i Southland**

**This stage is sponsored by Ascot Park Hotel, Invercargill**

**Stage 9 is 64.4km. The route is as follows: Winton - Browns - Springhills - Grove Bush - Myross Bush - Invercargill (Gala Street)**

#### **SPRINTS/KOM Hill Climbs**

4.1km AB Lime Sprint

7.8km Central Southland TAB Sprint

26.4km Dominator Doors (Grove Bush) Hill Climb

50.1km Windsor New World Sprint (Herbert Street)

52.1km Hewat Galt Sprint (Gala Street)

54.2km Pro-Health Physiotherapy Sprint (Herbert Street)

56.2km E. H. Ball ITM Building Supplies (Gala Street) Sprint \*Bonus

60.3km PGG Wrightson Aon Sprint

64.4km Ascot Park Hotel Stage Finish

**HAYDEN ROULSTON (Southland Times TREK)** is in the new **PowerNet** Tour leader in the Yellow jersey, taking over from Gordon McCAULEY. Roulston lead of 2:09 over McCauley, with Heath Blackgrove @4:57 rounding off the top 3.

**Dominique ROLLIN [DRR]** is still leading the Green jersey of the **Harcourts Sprint Ace**. Rollin has virtually sewn up the Sprint Ace Classification. Expect to see him feature in a mass sprint finish at Gala Street.

**James WILLIAMSON (Subway Avanti)** is still the Under 23 leader with. He will be wearing the **Regent Car Court** Pink jersey with 7 seconds lead over Benjamin KING (Calder Stewart).

**Jeremy YATES (Subway Avanti)** is the still the eader in the Red and White Polka Dot jersey of the **Hydraulink King of the Mountains (KOM)**.

**Subway Avanti** are still leading the **Wensleys Avanti Plus Teams Classification**.