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## 2009 Stage 6 Live Text Commentary

**Stage Date: 5 Nov 2009 133.85 km | Start at 10:00 | Finish 13:20 (approx) |**

**| Lumsden - Athol - Kingston - Frankton - Littles Road - Millbrook - McDonnell Road - Crown Range |**

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is the Under 23 leader with the **PSIS** Pink jersey.

**Ben KING [CST]** is the leader in the Red and White Polka Dot jersey of the **Hydraulink King of the Mountains (KOM)**.

Unofficially, Jack Bauer lost 46 seconds to Peter Latham. Bauer took 31 seconds out of Heath Blackgrove.

As we descend the Crown Range road, it was just reported that it is hailing in Invercargill and I just got sunburnt at the Crown Range lookout!

Please check back later on [www.tourofouthland.com](http://www.tourofouthland.com) for the official results.

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Aaron Strong is now 11 seconds behind Yates and mounting another effort.

Peter Latham is at 1:15 at 1km to go.

13:29:05

We have a great view of Jeremy Yates looking really good as he passes the 1km to go sign.

The gap is 2:15 back to the bunch at 2km to go.

13:27:09

Aaron Strong has Jeremy Yates in his sights, but does not seem to have enough to get alongside. Yates looks in control.

13:25:50

Yates is 50m ahead at the start of the climb.

Aaron Strong has dropped Latham and is after Yates who is 8 seconds ahead..

Latham needs to hold his form to ride into yellow.

13:22:46 The main bunch are 2:45 back inside 3km to go.  
Yates has just passed the 3km to go sign and has a lead of 15 seconds.

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13:21:21 Yates now has a 15 second lead at 4km to go.

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13:20:45 Jeremy Yates is flying past the 5km to go sign and has a 13 second lead.

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13:20:30 Yates is now 100m clear with 7km to go.

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13:18:04 JEREMY YATES attacked when they turned onto SH6 and now has a 50m lead over the other 2.

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13:17:00 With 10km to go, the time gap was 2:35.

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Will these three leaders will be caught?

13:12:25 The word in our car is that they will not.  
Ben King is just about to rejoin the main group.

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Turning off Malaghans Road the gap was at 3:02.

13:10:34 The leaders are at the 10km to go sign now.  
We are just passing the Millbrook Resort.

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It has just been reported that Jack BAUER and the Share the Road team have gone to the front of the main bunch and are driving it to minimise the loss.

13:05:32 The last gap was 3:04.  
The leaders have just passed the 15km to go sign.

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13:04:12 Both Aaron Strong and Jeremy Yates have won this stage before. There should be a good battle up the Crown Range to determine who will take out stage 6.

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There will be a big shake out on the PowerNet General Classification. It looks as though Peter Latham will be going into the yellow jersey if things stay as they are.

Ben King is 1:35 back now.

12:59:28 The gap was 2:55 at 20km to go.  
That was a gutsy ride by Ben KING [CST].

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12:58:11 The leaders are at the 20km to go sign now.  
Ben KING has been dropped on the Dalefield Road climb.

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113.0 km Shotover Jet (Dalefield Road) Hill Climb  
71 Aaron STRONG [APH]  
61 Jeremy YATES [TEP]  
12 Peter LATHAM [BPC]

12:56:04 Yates, Latham and Strong are not waiting for King.  
outstanding ride by Aaron Strong up a nasty hill climb

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12:51:56 Keiran Turner would like Aaron STRONG [APH] to take out the stage, but thinks Jeremy YATES [TEP] may be too strong.

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The word in our car is that Jeremy YATES will win the stage.

The gap was 3:30 at the Shotover Bridge.

12:50:40 Turning off SH6 the gap was out to 3:37.  
Last year YATES won this stage by 1 minute 20 in a time of 3:19.38

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12:51:22 The leaders are flying down towards the Shotover River Bridge now.

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12:43:49 The last call was 3:30 at Frankton.  
102.8 km Shotover Garden Centre Frankton Sprint Result

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71 Aaron STRONG  
61 Jeremy YATES  
12 Peter LATHAM

12:42:12 The four are riding really well together as a tight unit. Just heading over the shotover river now  
Turning right at Frankton, the pace is still on at the front.

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12:40:51 101.0 km Lion Foundation Frankton Sprint \*Bonus

Peter LATHAM

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Ben KING

Aaron STRONG

Jeremy YATES

12:38:58 Approaching the Kawarau Bridge, the leaders are working really well maintaining their lead.

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The last time check was out to 3:34 at Woolshed Road.

12:34:48 The South West Helicopters chopper has been up again today with the CUE TV cameraman taking some great footage for the highlights show on CUE TV (Sky Digital 110).

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The leaders are flying along at over 60 km/h now.

12:30:35 As we pass along the foot of the snow capped peaks of The Remarkables, the time gap is now out to 3:15.

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Ben KING [CST] was 11th at 3:16, with Latham at 1:18 in 8th. These guys will be in a stronger position if they can keep the time gap at the finish.

12:27:16 12 Peter LATHAM [BPC] 17 Ben KING [CST] 61 Jeremy YATES [TEP] 71 Aaron STRONG [APH] continue to work well together as they appear to be extend their lead. Graham Sycamore reports that the riders in the break are looking really good the more the stage continues.

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12:19:57 The latest time check was 3:05 after 84km.

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12:17:24 At 81km the gap has gone out to 2:45. Looking back, the main bunch were nowhere to be seen.

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When the leaders were given the time gap, they upped the pace.

12:08:00 The sun is shining on Lake Wakatipu, which has a few .

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1:32 is the gap back to Westley GOUGH [ZCS] who looks like he is going to sit up and wait for the main bunch.

The gap is 2:15 back to the yellow jersey at 76km.

12:05:24 75.4 km Lone Star Restaurant (Queenstown) Halfway Bay Hill Climb

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17 Ben KING [CST]

12 Peter LATHAM [BPC]

61 Jeremy YATES [TEP]

71 Aaron STRONG [APH]

Peter LATHAM [BPC] is the virtual leader on the road. Latham was at 1:18 at the start of the stage and is 2:05 ahead of the yellow jersey of Jack BAUER.

12:03:03 2:05 is the gap at 73km from the break back to the peleton with Westley GOUGH 60 seconds back.

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12:01:02 As we go over the bridge at the start of the Devils

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71 Aaron STRONG [APH] 17 Ben KING [CST] 61 Jeremy YATES [TEP] 12 Peter LATHAM [BPC] are still out in front with 28 Westley GOUGH [ZCS] trying to get across.

3 Jesse SERGENT [CLP] 110 Tom FINDLAY [BCV] 9 Joseph COOPER [SWA] have sat up and are going back to the bunch.

Somebody with a race radio must be sitting on their microphone so we are not getting a lot of coverage.

We think that the time gap is now around 50 seconds back to Westley GOUGH and 2:10 back to the peleton.

Looking back, the peleton are miles back.

Could this group stay away?

11:52:23 28 Westley GOUGH [ZCS] is chasing trying to get across.

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At 68km the pressure is on.

11:50:34 There 2 groups of 4 now with a gap of 50m.

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The leaders are 71 Aaron STRONG [APH] 17 Ben KING [CST] 61 Jeremy YATES [TEP] 12 Peter LATHAM [BPC]

followed by 110 Tom FINDLAY [BCV] 28 Westley GOUGH [ZCS] 9 Joseph COOPER [SWA] 3 Jesse SERGENT [CLP] .

It looks like Findlay was not doing much work so the others just sat back and told him to do his turn.

Yates is driving it as we progress along Lake Wakatipu.

11:43:59 After Kingston the leading group are

[Refresh](#) 28 Westley GOUGH [ZCS] 7 Hayden GODFREY [SWA] 61 Jeremy YATES [TEP] 110 Tom FINDLAY [BCV] 12 Peter LATHAM [BPC] 71 Aaron STRONG [APH] 3 Jesse SERGENT [CLP] 9 Joseph COOPER [SWA] 17 Ben KING [CST]

11:43:54 These guys have a 1 minute gap at 60km.  
61.1 km Kingston Cafe And Bar Sprint Result

[Refresh](#) 71 Aaron STRONG  
12 Peter LATHAM  
17 Ben KING

11:38:08 There is a group off the front trying to make a break at 57 km is 28 Westley GOUGH [ZCS] 7 Hayden GODFREY [SWA] 61 Jeremy YATES [TEP] 110 Tom FINDLAY [BCV] 72 Wade MANGHAM [APH] 80 Jack BAUER [STR] 19 Paul ODLIN [CST].

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These guys have a 100m lead at 57km.

11:32:04 There is a lot of pressure in the leading group.

[Refresh](#) 19 Paul ODLIN [CST] has gone clear but is about to be shutdown.

11:28:30 The hammer is down as the peleton are in single file flying downhill at full gas.  
Two riders have gone off the front by 150m at 52km. The group behind them are 15 seconds ahead of the next bunch.

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11:26:43 The reports coming in over Tour Radio are saying that the peleton has splintered big time.

[Refresh](#) There is a group of over 10 just about to catch the 5 leaders.

11:24:11 The hammer has gone down and the main bunch has been absolutely blown apart. Looking back we can see that the leaders are being caught very quickly.

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11:22:39 Share the Road are still on the front of the main bunch, controlling the pace.  
No Kingston Flyer this year as we pass the station at Fairlight.

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The gap is down to about 30 seconds at 50km reace distance.  
The break was shut down to leave 5 riders at the front of the race.

[Refresh](#) 11:19:47 The break has a lead of 35 seconds at 46km.  
29 Glen CHADWICK [ZCS] 45 Nathan EARL [TPT] 38 Sergio HERNANDEZ [NMS] 17 Ben KING [CST] 31 Robin REID [KMS].

11:17:38 54 Leon HEXTALL [BMH] 8 Eric DROWER [SWA] 35 George BENNETT [KMS] 104 Michael VINK [STT] 51 Daniel BARRY [BMH] 92 Kevin NICOL [JPM] 93 Greg KRAUSE [JPM] 41 Kyle MARWOOD [TPT] 57 David EVANS [CRS] 32 Justin KERR [KMS] have gone off the front.

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11:16:20 75 BEVIN [APH] has sat up after getting his sprint points and is waiting to rejoin the bunch.  
31.3 km Highway Cafe Athol Sprint \*Bonus  
75 Patrick BEVIN [APH]  
29 Glen CHADWICK [ZCS]  
38 Sergio HERNANDEZ [NMS]

43.2 km Macalisters (Garston School) Sprint Result  
75 Patrick BEVIN [APH]  
45 Nathan EARL [TPT]  
38 Sergio HERNANDEZ [NMS]

11:13:51 51 Daniel BARRY [BMH] 92 Kevin NICOL [JPM] 93 Greg KRAUSE [JPM] have gone off the front just before Garston.

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The gap is 48 seconds at Garston.

11:11:21 The Garston School kids are all out waving their green PowerNet Tour of Southland flags.

[Refresh](#) 4 or 5 riders have gone off the front at 43km

11:08:18 Share the Road and Ascot Park Hotel continue to ride at the front of the peleton, with Jack BAUER in yellow sitting in behind.

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Rachael says Hi to Sarah and to keep studying hard!

11:06:06 The New Zealand Police are getting a number of the public through outside of Garston. It would be fair to say that the PowerNet Tour of Southland would not happen without the support of the New Zealand Police, lead by Sgt Ian Martin form Invercargill.

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11:01:31 At 39km the gap is now 43 seconds.

[Refresh](#) In our vehicle today we have Graeme Atkinson driving, Rachael Neutze (Bike NZ), Kieran Turner (Bike NZ CEO), Andrea Mather and me (Tony Corkill from PowerNet).

3 riders from Share The Road and Ascot Park Hotel are on the front of the peleton determining the pace.

10:58:17	At 33km, that gap is 23 seconds. The riders are rolling along at about 40 km/h.
<a href="#">Refresh</a>	At the Mataura River bridge, the gap is back out to 27 seconds.
10:54:59	The main bunch seem quite happy to let the leaders stay out in front. The group of 10 got caught before Athol.
<a href="#">Refresh</a>	The gap at 32 was 27 seconds.
10:52:11	Floyd LANDIS is in 36th place on GC at 11:14, so it will be interesting to see how he goes today.
<a href="#">Refresh</a>	We have just passed the sprint flag for the 31.3 km Highway Cafe Athol Sprint which carries a time bonus.
10:47:55	There is a pretty strong left to right wind for the riders to contend with as we approach Athol.
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10:45:43	UNOFFICIAL RESULT 20.3 km Insurance Brokers Alliance Ltd (Five Rivers) Hill Climb
<a href="#">Refresh</a>	17 Ben KING [CST] 45 Nathan EARL [TPT] 31 Robin REID [KMS] 38 Sergio HERNANDEZ [NMS]
	The leading group are just cruising down the descent, not trying to put any more time on the bunch.
	The gap is now 38 seconds to a group of 10 riders 21 Floyd LANDIS [CBS] 32 Justin KERR [KMS] 110 Tom FINDLAY [BCV] 51 Daniel BARRY [BMH] 26 Heath BLACKGROVE [ZCS] 80 Jack BAUER [STR] 12 Peter LATHAM [BPC] 71 Aaron STRONG [APH] 2 Marc RYAN [CLP] 104 Michael VINK [STT] after 22km.
	Will this be the day when Floyd LANDIS makes an impression?
10:41:02	The roads are winding and weaving with a gentle breeze that won't be providing much assistance today.
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10:39:22	At 20kms break of 7 riders off the peloton. They have about 100m on the bunch. No names yet but will fire them through as we get them.
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10:38:40	Vink was almost on approaching the 20.3 km Insurance Brokers Alliance Ltd (Five Rivers) Hill Climb but could not quite manage it.
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10:36:25	The gap is 52 seconds back to the main bunch. Vink is 20m behind at the start of the climb. He should get on soon.
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10:35:50	Vink has not actually joined the leading group. He is flying down the hill before the climb.
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10:32:58	52 seconds is the gap after 17km.
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10:30:21	The break has a lead of 17 seconds. 29 Glen CHADWICK [ZCS] 45 Nathan EARL [TPT] have joined 38 Sergio HERNANDEZ [NMS] 17 Ben KING [CST] 122 Lee EVANS [EGS] 75 Patrick BEVIN [APH] 31 Robin REID [KMS].
<a href="#">Refresh</a>	Lee Evans has just been dropped on the Jollies.
	104 Michael VINK [STT], the 2008 and 2009 Yunca Junior of Southland winner is almost joined the leaders
10:27:30	At 14.5 km the two chasers have joined the leading group to make seven.
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10:26:28	The time gap at the first sprint after 13.6km was 36 seconds. The two chasers are about 100m off the leading group.
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10:26:16	Just passing through Five Rivers cafe at the first sprint of the day. 13.9 km Five Rivers Cafe Sprint results are
<a href="#">Refresh</a>	122 Lee EVANS [EGS] 75 Patrick BEVIN 17 Ben KING [CST]
10:25:13	A big shout out to all the PowerNet staff back in the office who are keeping up to date on www.tourosouthland.com.
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10:21:26	We are just approaching the first sprint of the day. 29 Glen CHADWICK [ZCS] 45 Nathan EARL [TPT] are trying to get across the the leading 5 riders after 10km. They are 15 seconds off the peloton 32 seconds behind the leaders.
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	The leading group are 38 Sergio HERNANDEZ [NMS] 17 Ben KING [CST] 122 Lee EVANS [EGS] 75 Patrick BEVIN [APH] 31 Robin REID [KMS].
10:17:19	At 9km the lead bunch are starting to make some good time on the peloton. The gap is approx 250m

<a href="#">Refresh</a>	10:14:26	100m is the lead with some Subway Avanti riders the the front of a group of 10 trying to get across after 7km.
<a href="#">Refresh</a>	10:14:21	This stage requires some team work. There is little shelter on the road from the wind and with a long hill climb at the end riders will need to save their legs.
<a href="#">Refresh</a>	10:11:54	Six riders have gone off the front after 3 km.
<a href="#">Refresh</a>	10:08:48	38 Sergio HERNANDEZ [NMS] 17 Ben KING [CST] 122 Lee EVANS [EGS] 72 Wade MANGHAM [APH] 75 Patrick BEVIN [APH].  A few others are also trying to get across. 3 riders making an early break of 100m just a few kms out of town. The riders are
<a href="#">Refresh</a>	10:08:24	38 Sergio HERNANDEZ [NMS] 17 Ben KING [CST] and 110 Tom FINDLAY [BCV] A good morning to Rob McMurdo and all the staff at Wensleys AvantPlus in Tay Street, Invercargill.
<a href="#">Refresh</a>		<b>Wensleys Avanti Plus</b> are sponsoring the Teams Classification in the 2009 PowerNet Tour of Southland.  Rachael Neutze had a small problem with her back wheel on Tuesday and so I told her to go along to Wensleys Avanti Plus and get it sorted. Rachael told me that that the guys provided her with great service along with a smile.  I had a few people ringing me in the office at PowerNet over the last couple of days asking me how things were going and I told them to check the commentary on <a href="http://www.tourofouthland.com">www.tourofouthland.com</a> to find out like I had to!  Rachael did a great job over the last couple of days and has also put her hand up to operate the VeloResults Timing application at the Oceania Track Championships next week in Invercargill at the ILT Velodrome.  Both Rachael and I will be doing the commentary today. Will today be the day for Yates or will we see Floyd Landis up the front?
<a href="#">Refresh</a>	10:06:36	
<a href="#">Refresh</a>	10:04:03	Good morning from a sunny and windy Lumsden for the start of stage 6 of the 2009 PowerNet Tour of Southland.
<a href="#">Refresh</a>		It seems that all of the Lumsden schools are out waving their green PowerNet Tour of Southland flags. Jo Shaw, the PowerNet Communications Coordinator, will be very pleased!  We are now racing.
	09:58:47	<b>Jack BAUER</b> is in the <b>PowerNet</b> Tour leader in the Yellow jersey.
<a href="#">Refresh</a>		<b>Patrick BEVIN</b> is wearing the Green jersey of the <b>Harcourts Sprint Ace</b> <b>Tom FINDLAY [BCV]</b> is the <b>Under 23</b> leader with the <b>PSIS</b> Pink jersey.
	09:52:52	<b>Ben KING</b> is the leader in the Red and White Polka Dot jersey of the <b>Hydraulink King of the Mountains (KOM)</b> .
<a href="#">Refresh</a>		Welcome to the LIVE TEXT Commentary for stage 6 in the 53rd PowerNet Tour of Southland. <b>Commentary provided by Tony Corkill (PowerNet) &amp; Rachael Neutze (BikeNZ)</b>  <b>This stage is sponsored by The Lion Foundation</b>  <b>Stage 6 is 133.85km. The route is as follows: Lumsden - Athol - Kingston - Frankton - Littles Road - Millbrook - McDonnell Road - Crown Range</b>  <b>SPRINTS/KOM Hill Climbs</b> 13.9km Five Rivers Cafe Sprint 20.3km Insurance Brokers Alliance Ltd Hill Climb 31.3km Highway Cafe Athol Sprint *Bonus 43.2km Macalisters (Garston School) Sprint 50.0km Kingston Cafe & Bar (Fairlight) Sprint 61.1km Kingston Gas Sprint 75.4km Lone Star Restaurant (Queenstown) Halfway Bay Hill Climb 101.0km Lion Foundation Frankton Sprint *Bonus 102.8km Shotover Garden Centre Frankton Sprint 113.0km Shotover Jet(Littles Road) Hill Climb 122.6km Limousine Line/Jonathon McNay (Malaghans Road) Sprint 132.8km Lion Foundation Crown Range Stage Finish

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Listen out for Julian's Tour bulletins on More FM Southland 89.2 throughout the Tour.

Grant Bulling is driving a vehicle provided by Ivan Bulling designers! furniture + interior. This van will be used at the finish line for photo finish and judging duties.