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## 2009 Stage 5 Live Text Commentary

**Stage Date: 4 Nov 2009 101.7 km | Start at 13:30 | Finish 15:30 (approx) |**

**| Tuatapere - Orepuki - Riverton - Thornbury - Isla Bank - Drummond - Winton (Winton Hotel, Bottom Pub) |**

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16:17:05 That's it for day 3 coverage. We will be back tomorrow with the man in charge in Tony!

16:27:26 Confirmation that a very happy Gordon McCAULEY [SWA] won stage 5 from a fast finishing Tom FINDLAY [BCV] .

Unofficially, the gap from Gordy McCauley back to Heath Blackgrove was around 38 seconds. Check back later on [www.tourofsouthland.com](http://www.tourofsouthland.com) for the complete set of official results.

**Jack BAUER** is in the **PowerNet** Tour leader in the Yellow jersey.

**Patrick BEVIN** is wearing the Green jersey of the **Harcourts Sprint Ace**

**Tom FINDLAY [BCV]** is the Under 23 leader with the **PSIS** Pink jersey.

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

15:52:21 Bauer in 3rd and 11 Jeremy VENNELL [BPC] in 4th. Bauer will be in yellow. We will update you as the jerseys are confirmed.

15:51:12 Looks like a change in yellow. Still confirming if McCauley definitely took out the stage. Findlay came up very quickly!

15:49:11 sprint finish and McCauley has it

15:47:43 Gordy is getting himself ready for a sprint 1km to go, but Bauer is leading from Vennell from Ryan

15:46:19 3 kms to go and the lead is 39 seconds. 12 Peter LATHAM [BPC] and 41 Kyle MARWOOD [TPT] have just made a break off the chasing group but it may be too late for them to catch the leaders.

15:43:58 Lead is 33 seconds at just under 5km mark. The peloton are just inside 10km to go. The riders leading are listed. Gordy is lurking in the back of the lead bunch, will he make a break?

2 Marc RYAN [CLP]  
 9 Joseph COOPER [SWA]  
 80 Jack BAUER [STR]  
 110 Tom FINDLAY [BCV]  
 6 Gordon McCAULEY [SWA]  
 11 Jeremy VENNELL [BPC]

15:41:38 29 seconds lead with 5km to go. Havent had an update for a while but the peleton seem to be a few minutes back.

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15:39:49 lead is 25 seconds and appears to be holding 7km to go.

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15:37:31 Marc Ryan is doing a lot of work up the front

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15:36:50 8 kms to go Gap has just gone out to 22 seconds. Riders are:  
We might be see Bauer in the yellow very soon.

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2 Marc RYAN [CLP]  
9 Joseph COOPER [SWA]  
80 Jack BAUER [STR]  
110 Tom FINDLAY [BCV]  
6 Gordon McCAULEY [SWA]  
11 Jeremy VENNELL [BPC]

15:35:24 Leaders are holding their lead now at 16 seconds with 14km remaining. The roads are twisting and turning with the winds alternating between cross and tail.

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Cooper is working hard for McCauley. In the chasing group 3 riders are doing most of the work. They are 17 Ben KING [CST] 26 Heath BLACKGROVE [ZCS] and his teammate 29 Glen CHADWICK [ZCS] Riders are on a gentle downhill with the wind behind them. They will turn into a head wind and start to gradually climb. Looks like the leaders are extending their lead on the chasing bunch.

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15:29:19 15kms to go Leaders are approx 15 seconds in front. Joe Cooper is doing a lot of work at the front.

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15:28:10 Sprint Result Updates

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58.4 km Slink Skins Thornbury Sprint  
41 Kyle MARWOOD [TPT]  
6 Gordon McCAULEY [SWA]  
110 Tom FINDLAY [BCV]

58.5 km Thornbury Tavern Sprint  
41 Kyle MARWOOD [TPT]  
6 Gordon McCAULEY [SWA]  
110 Tom FINDLAY [BCV]

58.7 km Thornbury Enterprises Sprint

6 Gordon McCAULEY [SWA]  
41 Kyle MARWOOD [TPT]  
110 Tom FINDLAY [BCV]

78.7 km Drummond Apiaries (Drummond School) Sprint

80 Jack BAUER [STR]  
6 Gordon McCAULEY [SWA]  
110 Tom FINDLAY [BCV]

15:24:57 21kms to go and the new leaders are: Just waiting for a time check. They are travelling at 60kms an hour

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2 Marc RYAN [CLP]  
9 Joseph COOPER [SWA]  
80 Jack BAUER [STR]  
110 Tom FINDLAY [BCV]  
6 Gordon McCAULEY [SWA]  
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15:20:18 The lead has split into two groups and Blackgrove is in the 2nd group, the next 25kms could mean a change in the leader of the tour. McCauley is looking ready to go

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15:18:34 Joe Cooper has just put the hammer down at the 74km mark (26km to go) that has caused a bit of movement amongst the lead riders. 2 Marc RYAN [CLP] and 11 Jeremy VENNELL [BPC] have just joined Cooper.

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15:15:59 70.7 km Winton Pharmacy (Isla Bank School) Sprint

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41 Kyle MARWOOD [TPT]  
26 Heath BLACKGROVE [ZCS]  
79 Romain FONDARD [STR]

15:14:41 The twists and turns continue, the leaders have hit another strong cross wind but there lead is looking safe.

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15:12:57 Just coming up to the 70.7 km Winton Pharmacy (Isla Bank School) Sprint and the lead is 2 min 45.

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15:10:31 Dont forget to check out [www.ridestrong.org.nz](http://www.ridestrong.org.nz) and join up for free. Ridestrong is the new online cycling group that is there to give us cyclists a voice. Through the ridestrong site, BikeNZ are currently running a 1.5m campaign to help make it safer for us cyclists on the road. Go to

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- 15:06:43 [Refresh](#) www.ridestrong.org.nz for more information.  
Subway-Avanti rider 10 Joshua ENGLAND has also just peeled off from the lead bunch. There's 36kms left to go.  
Subway-Avanti still have 2 time Tour of Southland winner Gordy McCauley up in the break and recent Tour of New Caledonia winner Joe Cooper from Wellington.  
hope your enjoying this afternoons coverage Glen while your working hard with Corey and Damian with the Colourplus boys.
- 15:04:36 [Refresh](#)
- 15:03:22 [Refresh](#) At 63kms 68 Mathew GORTER [PNT has just dropped off the lead bunch.  
Now in the lead are:  
2 Marc RYAN [CLP]  
9 Joseph COOPER [SWA]  
41 Kyle MARWOOD [TPT]  
10 Joshua ENGLAND [SWA]  
17 Ben KING [CST]  
80 Jack BAUER [STR]  
28 Westley GOUGH [ZCS]  
110 Tom FINDLAY [BCV]  
41 Kyle MARWOOD [TPT]  
6 Gordon McCAULEY [SWA]  
29 Glen CHADWICK [ZCS]  
26 Heath BLACKGROVE [ZCS]  
11 Jeremy VENNEL [BPC]  
12 Peter LATHAM [BPC]  
79 Romain FONDARD [STR]  
105 Sam STEELE [STT]
- 15:01:26 [Refresh](#) Just as well we are in a controlled race. At the speeds these lead riders are going theyd be up for a speeding ticket in a built up area.
- 14:58:35 [Refresh](#) Riders have passed through Thornbury (58km) and have made another turn into the cross winds with the time gap being 2 minutes 15. Just over 40km remaining in the stage.
- 14:55:38 [Refresh](#) After 56kms the leaders just rode a tough km into extreme cross winds. Despite the winds the lead keeps growing now at 2min 10.
- 14:54:24 [Refresh](#) Updated sprint results:  
47.8 km Aparima Tavern Sprint  
29 Glen CHADWICK [ZCS]  
41 Kyle MARWOOD [TPT]  
10 Joshua ENGLAND [SWA]  
48.2 km Riverton Supervalu Sprint \*Bonus  
79 Romain FONDARD [STR]  
41 Kyle MARWOOD [TPT]  
10 Joshua ENGLAND [SWA]
- 14:51:16 [Refresh](#) Result from the first sprint of the stage:  
19.4 km Orepuki Tavern Sprint  
41 Kyle MARWOOD [TPT]  
6 Gordon McCAULEY [SWA]  
17 Ben KING [CST]
- 14:49:59 [Refresh](#) Last year this stage was shortened due to the weather and was won by eventual Tour winner Hayden Roulston.
- 14:44:44 [Refresh](#) 49.2 km Riverton Pharmacy Sprint results  
41 Kyle MARWOOD [TPT]  
79 Romain FONDARD [STR]  
80 Jack BAUER [STR]
- 14:44:12 [Refresh](#) Behind the leading group of riders there are 25 riders chasing hard and we have just hit the half way mark
- 14:42:01 [Refresh](#) Word from the locals is that Mrs Clarkes is the best spot in Riverton to get a coffee.
- 14:41:08 [Refresh](#) Just arrived in Riverton (46km) and the lead is now 1 min 35. Riders in the lead bunch are:  
2 Marc RYAN [CLP]  
9 Joseph COOPER [SWA]  
68 Mathew GORTER [PNT]  
41 Kyle MARWOOD [TPT]  
10 Joshua ENGLAND [SWA]  
17 Ben KING [CST]  
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 12 Peter LATHAM [BPC]  
 79 Romain FONDARD [STR]  
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14:40:02 43.6 km Bay Road Service Centre (Longwood) Hill Climb results

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17 Ben KING [CST]  
 29 Glen CHADWICK [ZCS]  
 26 Heath BLACKGROVE [ZCS]

14:38:46 36.8 km Colac Bay Tavern And Camping Ground Sprint result

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41 Kyle MARWOOD [TPT]  
 11 Jeremy VENNEL [BPC]  
 10 Joshua ENGLAND [SWA]

14:38:20 17 Ben KING [CST] has broken away from the lead bunch at 42km leading into the Longwood Hill. but perhaps just for kom points as he is currently wearing the kom leaders jersey . He is about to be caught. The lead has extended to 1min 33.

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14:34:14 Its all go now the lead bunch are averaging speeds nearing 70kms per hour. This is an incredible display by the classy riders at the front.

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14:31:08 The leaders have just turned at Colac bay at the 37km mark. The leaders now have the wind behind them and have a 1min and 15 second lead.

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Leaders are  
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 12 Peter LATHAM [BPC]  
 79 Romain FONDARD [STR]  
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14:17:52 The biggest mover up the PowerNet General Classification on stage 4 was number **68 Mathew GORTER riding for PowerNet**, the major sponsor of the 2009 PowerNet Tour of Southland.

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He went from 11th @1:18, at the start of stage 4, to 5th @ 44 seconds. Gorter, from Hamilton, is having a really good tour, finishing 11th up Bluff Hill on Monday. He is only 15 seconds off Jeremy VENNEL [BPC] at the start of stage 5.

14:13:53 42 second lead after 23kms to the following riders. The big hitters are all in there and this could be the most defining break of the tour. Once these guys hit the turn at Colac Bay they will have the wind behind them and they will be virtually unstoppable

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 12 Peter LATHAM [BPC]  
 79 Romain FONDARD [STR]

14:11:23 One more addition to the group of lead riders and its 79 Romain FONDARD [STR]

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14:11:04 After 15km there are 8 rides off the front followed by another 25 and two bunches further back.

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The cellular signal is not very good around here so please be patient.

14:09:36	Riders are coming through the township of Orepuki at 19km and the rain has just arrived. The leaders are: 2 Marc RYAN [CLP] 9 Joseph COOPER [SWA] 68 Mathew GORTER [PNT] 41 Kyle MARWOOD [TPT] 10 Joshua ENGLAND [SWA] 17 Ben KING [CST] 80 Jack BAUER [STR] 28 Westley GOUGH [ZCS] 29 Glen CHADWICK [ZCS] 110 Tom FINDLAY [BCV] 41 Kyle MARWOOD [TPT] 6 Gordon McCAULEY [SWA] 7 Hayden GODFREY [SWA] 26 Heath BLACKGROVE [ZCS] 11 Jeremy VENNEL [BPC] 12 Peter LATHAM [BPC]
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14:05:33	After 15kms the scenery is telling the story. Judging by the angle the trees are holding themselves up at wind is a pretty common occurrence on this stretch of road. Reception is not good on this stretch of road but we will update you as we can. There are 8 riders off the front with a small gap to 25 riders and then 2 bunches following.
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13:51:12	Lots of early action no 90 Sheldon GORTER and 18 Brad HALL are now having a crack. 59 David TREACEY is attempting to bridge across to them. Sheldon is Matt Gorters brother. Sheldon made the call of the night at the teams presentation on Sunday. When asked if he was participating in Movember, Sheldon answered that he was trying and had been since he was born!
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	The usual suspects are working at the front of the peleton Zookeepers-Cycle Surgery and Subway-Avanti.
13:46:31	Acknowledgement should be made of the hard work PowerNet rider 68 Mathew GORTER [PNT] put in during stage 4. Matt from the mighty Waikato was one of the 6 lead riders for the final 20kms but unfortunately we missed picking up his number. So well done Matt and good to see you out there at the front in the naming sponsors kit!
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13:44:07	After a couple of Kms 3 riders are off the front 16 Mark LANGLANDS [CST]100 David AYRE [WMP]110 Tom FINDLAY [BCV]
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13:41:29	Paul Odlin is near the front. Benchmark Team and Praties from Australia are working up there as well.
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13:39:23	An update of a rider withdrawal following Stage 4 116 Logan EDGAR [SWH] is out of the Tour.
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13:38:14	Riders are racing!
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13:37:46	Last year riders missed this part of the tour due to the wild weather. The winds are strong today as well so heres hoping everyone stays upright. Riders will experience cross winds until they reach the coast at Colac Bay at approx 36kms. When the riders turn at the Bay they will then have a tail wind and you can expect them to be flying. welcome to stage 5. riders are on the start line ready for the start of the 101km stage. There is no neutralized start the riders will be racing straight away and judging by the winds the speedos will be clocking some very fast km/hr readings!
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13:13:27	<b>Heath Blackgrove</b> is in the <b>PowerNet</b> Tour leader in the Yellow jersey 14 seconds ahead of Jack Bauer. <b>Patrick Bevin</b> is wearing the Green jersey of the <b>Harcourts Sprint Ace</b> <b>Michael Vink</b> is the <b>Under 23</b> leader with the <b>PSIS</b> Pink jersey. <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> . <b>Zookeepers - Cycle Surgery</b> are leading the <b>Wensleys Avanti Plus Teams Classification</b> 15 seconds ahead of Bissell Pro Cycling with Colourplus third @ 01:49.
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11:00:00	Welcome to the LIVE TEXT Commentary for stage 5 in the 53rd PowerNet Tour of Southland. <b>Commentary provided by Tony Corkill (PowerNet) &amp; Rachael Neutze (BikeNZ)</b>
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	This stage is sponsored by Winton Hotel & Pub Charity Inc  Stage 5 is 101.7km. The route is as follows: Tuatapere - Orepuki - Riverton - Thornbury - Isla Bank - Drummond - Winton (Winton Hotel, Bottom Pub)  SPRINTS/KOM Hill Climbs

19.4km Orepuki Tavern Sprint  
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70.7km Winton Pharmacy (Isla Bank School) Sprint  
78.7km Drummond Apiaries (Drummond School) Sprint  
91.7km Steve Geary Engineering Sprint  
101.7km Winton Hotel & Pub Charity Stage Finish

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