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2009 Stage 4 Live Text Commentary

Stage Date: 4 Nov 2009 88.4 km | Start at 09:00 | Finish 11:25 (approx) |
 | Invercargill (ILT Velodrome) - Wallacetown -Waianiwa - Isla Bank - Otautau - Pukemaori - Tuatapere (Waiiau Hotel) |
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 Web Site: www.pubcharity.org.nz

11:57:12 time for some lunch.
 Refresh Well be back just on 1.30pm in time for stage 5. In the meantime hi to Karyn and the rest of the crew working hard at BikeNZ. You have a couple of hours to get some work done before stage 5!
 12:21:49 After 4 stages the leaders are:

Refresh **Heath Blackgrove** is in the **PowerNet** Tour leader in the Yellow jersey seconds ahead of.
 After 4 stages:

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

Michael Vink 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)**.

11:52:18 It was just pointed out that last year the stage was cut short missing out the Orawia Hill Climb and the loop back into Tuatapere, so the comparing the stage times is irrelevant.
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It was a great win by Bevin regardless of the time.

11:44:02 I will update the classifications after the stage presentations.
 Refresh the winds pretty strong in the township of Tuatapere which will make things interesting on this afternoons stage.

11:39:57 Presentations are just about to get underway.
 Refresh winning time for Bevin was 2:21.19 thats a little off the 2008 winning time by Roulston of 2.11.22 but still an outstanding rider from the young guy from Taupo!

11:38:19 stage results that we have been provided with are:

- Refresh
- 75 Patrick BEVIN [APH]
 - 10 Joshua ENGLAND [SWA]
 - 68 Mathew GORTER [PNT]
 - 18 Brad HALL [CST]
 - 73 Mike NORTHEY [APH]

11:35:06 and then its anyones guess!!! results to follow and updates on whose wearing what jersey
 Refresh its going to be a sprint finish and they are sprinting hard but its looking like it will be Patrick Bevin. Hes dominated on the sprints today. Will confirm those results as soon as we can. The main peleton have just come through including the big names and the yellow jersey.

11:33:35 and here they come into the finish straight at Tuatapere. Great to have a good crowd on the finish line...
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- 11:30:27 3kms to go and 122 Lee EVANS [EGS] has 10 seconds on the main peleton but the main 6 are ahead by 45 seconds.
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- 11:29:11 4kms to go young Wellington rider Lee Evans is having a stab off the front of the peleton but is only has a small gap.
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- 11:28:14 5 kms to go and a lead of 1min 03 for the following 6
[Refresh](#)
 10 Joshua ENGLAND [SWA]
 18 Brad HALL [CST]
 33 Karl MOORE [KM]
 62 Michael TORCKLER [TEP]
 73 Mike NORTHEY [APH]
 75 Patrick BEVIN [APH]
- 11:24:10 Zookeepers-cycle surgery are driving most of the work in the peleton. The zoo riders will be doing their best to look after the yellow jersey.
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- 11:21:32 what a yo yo. The lead is now 1min. Will 2001 Tour winner Karl Moore take out the stage? Karl mentioned at the Team presentations before the tour began that he was keen to take out a stage.
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- 11:19:45 Hope your enjoying the coverage Katie at Waikato Hospital. Paul is working hard with the Subway-Avanti team!
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- 11:19:05 10kms to go and it could go either way, hows that for sitting on the fence! The lead is now 52seconds.
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- 11:17:28 Wow the leaders have stretched the lead to 1 minute as we approach the 10km to go mark.
 The riders away are
[Refresh](#)
 10 Joshua ENGLAND [SWA]
 18 Brad HALL [CST]
 33 Karl MOORE [KM]
 62 Michael TORCKLER [TEP]
 73 Mike NORTHEY [APH]
 75 Patrick BEVIN [APH]
- 11:15:06 whoops make that 13kms to go!!!!
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- 11:14:45 Its rolling country at the moment and there is some protection being provided by the picturesque hills on the right of the riders.
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- 11:12:12 The acid has been put on by the peleton. The lead is now just 45 seconds with 13 seconds to go. Time gap from the leading group of 6 to the peleton is 55seconds at 15km to go. Riders have just turned into another cross winds bouncing off the riders right shoulders. The winds have featured throughout the stage but good to have the rain, sleet, hail and snow stay away this year!
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- 11:09:46 Its getting exciting folks time is starting to run out for the peleton as we approach the 15km to go mark. If the six lead riders can work together the stage win could be sewn up.
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 Riders are
 10 Joshua ENGLAND [SWA]
 18 Brad HALL [CST]
 33 Karl MOORE [KM]
 62 Michael TORCKLER [TEP]
 73 Mike NORTHEY [APH]
 75 Patrick BEVIN [APH]
- 11:07:37 72.4 km D. T. King & Co. (Orawia) Hill Climb
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 18 Brad HALL [CST]
 33 Karl MOORE [KMS]
 75 Patrick BEVIN [APH]
- The group of 6 have split with the lead 3 of the hill climb about 40m in front of England, Northey and Torckler
- 11:05:02 riders are 68kms - 20kms to go and there is a lead bunch of 6 that have 1min 03 on the peleton.
 The riders are
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 10 Joshua ENGLAND [SWA]
 18 Brad HALL [CST]
 33 Karl MOORE [KM]
 62 Michael TORCKLER [TEP]
 73 Mike NORTHEY [APH]
 75 Patrick BEVIN [APH]
- Riders are riding into a head wind and just approaching a nasty wee hill - the Orawia hill which may split them up. The word is this may be the defining moment of the stage. If the lead 6 can stay together over the hill then they have a good chance of staying away from the peleton.
- 10:59:19 62.5 km Pub Charity (Rackles) Hill Climb result
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 33 Karl MOORE [KMS]
 75 Patrick BEVIN [APH]
 73 Mike NORTHEY [APH]
- 10:59:05 4 leaders away as we head to the Rackles hill climb at the 62km mark. That makes it just 26kms to go

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in the stage.
lead 4 riders are

10 Joshua ENGLAND [SWA]
33 Karl MOORE [KMS]
73 Mike NORTHEY [APH]
75 Patrick BEVIN [APH]

chasing bunch of 6 riders are just 20 seconds behind with the peleton 50 seconds back.

14 Omer KEM [BPC]
18 Brad HALL [CST]
53 James McCOY [BMH]
62 Michael TORCKLER [TEP]
68 Mathew GORTER [PNT]
121 Jonathon ATKINSON [EGS]

10:58:31 54.3 km Otatautau Four Square Supermarket Sprint result

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75 Patrick BEVIN [APH]
35 George BENNETT [KMS]
53 James McCOY [BMH]

10:42:28 at 55kms three lead riders

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75 Patrick Bevin
73 Mike NORTHEY [APH]
33 Karl MOORE [KMS]

followed by five riders chasing 150m behind and the peleton a further 300m behind.

10 Joshua ENGLAND [SWA]
18 Brad HALL [CST]
53 James McCOY [BMH]
62 Michael TORCKLER [TEP]
121 Jonathon ATKINSON (energy smart)

10:37:39 Patrick Bevin (Ascot Park) has taken out enough sprints this morning for him to hold the green jersey from the start of stage 5 this afternoon starting in Tuatapere.

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10:35:29 At 53kms the lead group has been caught by the peleton.

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10:33:13 We are now over half way through the stage.
The lead group of 12 riders have 150m on chasing group of 30 riders.

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Its hard to believe that on this stage last year we experienced hail and snow. Hayden Roulston won this stage in 2008 in a time of 2:11.22 and current tour leader Heath Blackgrove was 2nd.

10:29:22 Reception is a bit patchy at the moment so please bear with us!

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at 45kms The two lead riders have been caught by 9 riders so we now have the following riders leading

10 Joshua ENGLAND [SWA]
27 Sam BEWLEY [ZCS]
51 Daniel BARRY [BMH]
55 Matt SILLARS [BMH]
3 Jesse SERGENT [CLP]
28 Westley GOUGH [ZCS]
32 Justin KERR [KMS]
73 Mike NORTHEY [APH]
75 Patrick BEVIN [APH]
121 Jonathon ATKINSON [EGS]
85 Logan CALDER [PMK]

10:23:18 Receptions a little patchy as we head close to the hills. bear with us and we will update as we can!

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10:20:11 Young 104 Michael VINK [STT] is at the front of the lead bunch doing a lot of the work. Its hard to miss him this morning in his bright pink PSIS Under 23 jersey. Vink has made a big impression on the tour thus far and he is a rider to watch on both the road and track in the future.

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10:17:01 40kms into the stage and 121 Jonathon ATKINSON [EGS] 85 Logan CALDER [PMK] have broken off the lead bunch. They have a 30second gap

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10:15:06 Paul and the team at Zookeepers are doing a fantastic job keeping everyone going on a coffee buzz serving them up beautiful allpress coffee from the zookeepers van. I am now regretting my second coffee with us only being half way through the stage and no chance of a comfort stop!

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10:10:16 38.2 km Waterforce (Isla Bank School) *Bonus Sprint result

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75 Patrick BEVIN [APH]
15 Cody O'REILLY [BPC]
10 Joshua ENGLAND [SWA]

10:08:31 54 seconds between the lead bunch and the 2nd bunch and growing. Great to see the community getting out and supporting. Isla Bank school kids were out in force cheering the riders on.

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10:06:55 after 35kms Subway-Avanti and Colourplus working up the front with Gordy prominent. Speeds are up to 45kms and hour. The lead bunch are starting to get quite spread.

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10:01:18 After 29kms the big names are all up the front including Ryan, Sergeant, McCauley, Godfrey, Vennell, Latham and Blackgrove. There was a break of 13 riders away but they are now back with the next group. Approx 30 riders now forming the main bunch with a gap of approx 100m with 10 riders and another gap of approx 500m to a long line of riders strung out along the road.

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09:49:42 The next sprint is brought to us by Graham and John Atkinson. Graham is the driver for the text commentary team for the week and as an experienced rider of the Tour of Southland we are being treated to an insiders view of what the riders are going through.

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A big hello to John who is up in Auckland following the race and especially rider no 121 his son Jonathon Atkinson.

09:45:58 19kms into the 88km stage Gordy McCauley is starting to feature. He is up the front driving the troops with Calder Stewart and Zookeepers-Cycle Surgery riders right up behind him. Subway-Avanti starting to move up.

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09:44:17 Sprint Result update

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14.2 km Christmas Magic Sprint

76 Karl MURRAY [STR]

75 Patrick BEVIN [APH]

15 Cody O'REILLY [BPC]

14.3 km Wallacetown Tavern Sprint

76 Karl MURRAY [STR]

75 Patrick BEVIN [APH]

15 Cody O'REILLY [BPC]

14.6 km Jackson Plumbing Sprint

75 Patrick BEVIN [APH]

15 Cody O'REILLY [BPC]

76 Karl MURRAY [STR]

09:40:38 at 17km there is a group of 25 riders who have dropped off the main bunch. No leaders to speak of at this stage but sprints are plentiful this morning so those looking for Harcourts sprint ace points are working hard.

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Creation signs are doing alot of work at the front of the peleton as are Zookeepers-Cycle Surgery

09:37:12 Update on sprint results

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Sprint Results

3.3 km Blue Star Taxis (James Hargest Junior College) Sprint

75 Patrick BEVIN [APH]

16 Mark LANGLANDS [CST]

53 James McCOY [BMH]

6.5 km Hunter Furniture Sprint

95 Stefan ROTHE [JPM]

75 Patrick BEVIN [APH]

4 Logan HUTCHINGS [CLP]

6.8 km Barnes Oysters (Sacred Heart) Sprint

95 Stefan ROTHE [JPM]

85 Logan CALDER [PMK]

75 Patrick BEVIN [APH]

8.1 km L. R. Mclean Sprint

53 James McCOY [BMH]

95 Stefan ROTHE [JPM]

09:33:49 12.3 km Isla Bank Butchery Sprint results

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75 Patrick BEVIN [APH]

79 Romain FONDARD [STR]

68 Mathew GORTER [PNT]

09:32:23 After 12kms riders are spread right along the road. They are now right in the cross winds.

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A big split in the field has just developed. 2 riders off the front roughly 30 riders right behind them and then a developing gap to the rest of the field. Will this be a crucial part of the morning?

09:26:00 Group of leaders starting to develop 75 Patrick BEVIN [APH] has picked up a couple of early sprint wins. Just waiting to confirm sprint results.

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09:22:51 Zookeepers-cycle surgery and Kia Motors are dominating up front this morning after 6kms. Riders are nearing the second sprint of the morning. As we receive the sprint results we will let you know.

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09:19:31 Morning to Tony and the team at PowerNet. Tony is the man who has developed the online commentary for the tour and refined it over the past 10 years on the tour. For those missing his sharp commentary dont panic he will be back online tomorrow.!

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09:15:42 Riders are heading west to Tuatapere which will mean mostly cross winds and head winds for the riders. 121 Jonathon ATKINSON [EGS] making an early dash.

09:12:46 Rider has gone down just before the start. The start was just delayed slightly but we are now racing!

09:10:37 There are school kids lining the streets this morning yelling and screaming as the riders go past. The tour riders are superstars in their eyes and its great for these young kids to get excited about cycling!

09:08:48 Riders are on their bikes and riding through a neutralised start through the streets of Invercargill.

09:02:14 Morning folks. We are just getting ready for stage four to get underway. It's pretty blustery this morning and will be interesting to see the winds as we get out further towards the coast. This morning riders are riding 88kms from Invercargill to Tuatapere.

08:59:06 Visit the Leaderboard at <http://info.tourosouthland.com/tour/2009/Leaderboard.asp> to check out all of the leaders in each classification.

The Leaderboard is updated after each stage.

For those of you with a PDA, iPhone, WAP browser etc, a PDA version is available at <http://info.tourosouthland.com/tour/2009/pdadefault.asp>.

08:53:56 **26 Heath BLACKGROVE [ZCS]** is still the **PowerNet** Tour leader in the Yellow jersey 14 seconds ahead of 80 Jack BAUER [STR].

53 James McCOY [BMH] is now wearing the Green jersey of the **Harcourts Sprint Ace**.

104 Michael VINK [STT] is the **Under 23** leader with the **PSIS** Pink jersey.

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

Zookeepers - Cycle Surgery are leading the **Wensleys Avanti Plus Teams Classification** 15 seconds ahead of Bissell Pro Cycling with Colourplus third @ 01:49.

11:00:00 Welcome to the LIVE TEXT Commentary for stage 4 in the 53rd PowerNet Tour of Southland.
Commentary provided by Rachael Neutze from BikeNZ

This stage is sponsored by Pub Charity Inc & Waiau Hotel

Stage 4 is 88.4km. The route is as follows: Invercargill (ILT Velodrome) - Wallacetown - Waianiwa - Isla Bank - Otautau - Pukemaori - Tuatapere (Waiau Hotel)

SPRINTS/KOM Hill Climbs

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- 6.5km Hunter Furniture Sprint
- 6.8km Barnes Oysters (Sacred Heart) Sprint
- 8.1km L.R. McLean Sprint
- 12.3km Isla Butchery Sprint
- 14.2km Christmas Magic Sprint
- 14.3km Wallacetown Tavern Sprint
- 14.6km Jackson Plumbing Sprint
- 27.2km Graham & John Atkinson (Waianiwa) Sprint
- 38.2km Waterforce (Isla Bank School) Sprint
- 53.0km Allied Petroleum Otautau Sprint
- 54.3km Otautau Four Square Supermarket Sprint
- 62.5km Pub Charity (Rackles) Hill Climb
- 72.4km D.T. King & Co. (Orawia) Hill Climb
- 88.4km Waiau Hotel & Pub Charity Stage Finish

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Look out for the More FM Southland 89.2 Vehicle with Julian Ineson (Tour Commentator).

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.