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## 2009 Stage 3 Live Text Commentary

**Stage Date: 3 Nov 2009 165 km | Start at 10:00 | Finish 13:30 (approx) |**

**| Invercargill (ILT Velodrome) - Rimu - Woodlands - Seaward Downs - Edendale - Wyndham - Mataura - Waimumu - West Gore - Mandeville - Riversdale - Otama - Knapdale - Gore (Traffers Tavern, Hokonui Drive) |**

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Stage 3 Result  
4 Logan HUTCHINGS [CLP]  
19 Paul ODLIN [CST]  
72 Wade MANGHAM [APH]

**26 Heath BLACKGROVE [ZCS]** is still the **PowerNet** Tour leader in the Yellow jersey after stage 3.

**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)**.

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The peleton are flying over the finish line.  
Hutchings from ColourPlus took out the stage, 2nd was 19 Paul ODLIN [CST]  
3rd was 72 Wade MANGHAM [APH] in a sprint finish.  
Results are still to be confirmed but that's how we saw it.

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logan hutchings has taken out the stage!

14:18:44

Main bunch at 2km to go. Lead 5 ahead Jason Barlow just out in front

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Subway-Avanti putting some pressure on at the front of the peleton

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3km sign is coming up quick. lead 5 are ahead by 32 seconds

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Intensity has picked up considerably in the main bunch as we hit the 4km mark. Only 18 seconds ahead now.

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32 seconds at last time check to 4 Logan HUTCHINGS [CLP]  
19 Paul ODLIN [CST]  
72 Wade MANGHAM [APH]  
84 Jason BARLOW [PMK and 121 Jonathon ATKINSON [EGS]]

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5kms to go the time gap from the leading group of 5 riders to the main bunch is 28 seconds

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Neutral support have just dropped in behind lead 5, suggests that the lead is growing

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	14:06:46	4 Logan HUTCHINGS [CLP] 19 Paul ODLIN [CST] 72 Wade MANGHAM [APH] 84 Jason BARLOW [PMK and 121 Jonathon ATKINSON [EGS]]
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	14:05:11	4 Logan HUTCHINGS [CLP] 19 Paul ODLIN [CST] 72 Wade MANGHAM [APH] 84 Jason BARLOW [PMK21 and Jonathon ATKINSON [EGS]] have an 18second lead with 10km to go. Some big picks coming through on texts...will it be Godfrey for Subway-Avanti, Will Bauer power through or will the Team pursuit boys make a break for it on the finish line straight?
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	14:02:34	gap is only 14 seconds as riders cross the 15km to go mark. looks like its going to be a big bunch finish. 4 Logan HUTCHINGS [CLP] 19 Paul ODLIN [CST] and Jonathon Atkinson have just caught and passed McCoy.
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	13:59:32	McCoy looks tired and that might be his day over. 92 Kevin NICOL [JPM] about to be caught with 15km to go. McCoy still out on his own but the bunch are breathing down his neck
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	13:58:11	sorry mistake there should have been 92 Kevin NICOL [JPM] on the break
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	13:57:19	McCoy has 300m on 93 Greg KRAUSE [JPM] who is 150m ahead of the bunch.
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	13:56:09	145.0 km Carnaby Cars (Otama School) Sprint results
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	13:54:33	53 James McCOY [BMH] 17 Ben KING [CST] 28 Westley GOUGH [ZCS]
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	13:53:05	53 James McCOY [BMH] now out on his own. Ben King has been swallowed up by the bunch. 20kms to go and the peleton are just 250m behind the leaders. The neutral cars and support vehicles have been moved from between the peleton and leaders.
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	13:51:29	25seconds gap. 53 James McCOY [BMH and 17 Ben King are in the lead at the final sprint with just over 20kms to go. The leaders are 45 seconds in the lead but the peleton is coming fast.
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	13:47:51	15 Cody O'REILLY [BPC] and 16 Mark LANGLANDS [CST] have been swallowed up by the peleton. its all starting to happen with 25kms to go The time gap from the leading group of 2 riders Ben King and James McCoy is 38seconds to the chasing bunch of riders Stefan ROTHE [JPM] has past
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	13:41:31	15 Cody O'REILLY [BPC] 16 Mark LANGLANDS [CST] but now about to be swallowed back up. Rothe went hard but it hasnt worked for him today. 139.2 km Stirling Sports Gore (Otama) Hill Climb results
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	13:37:40	17 Ben KING [CST] 53 James McCOY [BMH] 15 Cody O'REILLY [BPC] 95 Stefan ROTHE [JPM] has just broken away from the peleton 100m away At the base of the Otama hill climb there is just over 25kms to go. The lead is 1 min 50 but the lead four are starting to split with Ben King and James McCoy 50m ahead of Langlands and O'Reilly
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	13:32:31	The zookeepers boys have just dropped off the front of the peleton for feeding and as a result the lead has been extended to 1min 35.
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	13:29:24	1 min at 5seconds is the time from the leaders to the peleton... the lead is coming down. 30km to go
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	13:27:24	At 130kms the riders are approaching the penultimate sprint for the 3rd stage. The riders will head out of Riversdale and back towards the finish line at Gore.
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	13:20:38	130.1 km Blue Diamond Riversdale Sprint Result 53 James McCOY [BMH] 17 Ben KING [CST] and 16 Mark LANGLANDS [CST] Ben King has broken away from the other leaders and has about 30m on them. Zookeepers-cycle surgery continue their work on the peleton with a couple of Southland Times riders now coming up to do some work. Beautiful scenery with green fields and white snow capped mountains. If it wasnt for those winds yesterday the riders would be starting to think that this really is a summer tour.
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The lead is at 1minute 20 seconds as we approach the 130km mark. It's 3km to Riversdale and it's a gentle downhill all of the way.

13:17:36 Zookeepers-Cycle Surgery are keeping the acid on with Share the Road also starting to feature near the front. Jack Bauer (share the road) winner of Stage 2 said yesterday that he wants to keep pushing for a good GC and judging on his ride yesterday he could be strong enough to take out another stage.

13:14:01 The lead is coming down steadily. At approx 125km the lead is just 1min 35. 40kms of racing to go and the excitement is building

13:12:25 Ive just been informed we are nearing the 1st home of whiskey in NZ. The Hokonui ranges was the first place that whiskey was made in NZ. Perhaps not 100% legal when it was made but a famous whiskey all the same.

13:08:50 Results of the 118.5 km Andrews Transport Hill Climb (Mandeville / Kingston Crossing Road)

17 Ben KING [CST]  
16 Mark LANGLANDS [CST]  
53 James McCOY [BMH]

13:07:44 coming into the 118km mark the lead is 1.55 and we are fast approaching the final hill climb of the stage. Its a short climb but gets sharper as the hill goes on.

There will be a few riders starting to feel jaded now after a tough day yesterday and the sun today will be starting to zap them of energy if they are not hydrating themselves.

13:00:28 Zookeepers-Cycle Surgery are still up the front of the peleton but the yellow and gold of Subway-Avanti is starting to become more prominent...will this be the start of Gordy's crusade for tour no 3?

12:58:08 at 111kms with 54km to go the lead four are out in front by exactly 2minutes.

12:51:28 Sprint results

96.4 km Hokonui Haulage (West Gore School) Sprint  
15 Cody O'REILLY [BPC]  
16 Mark LANGLANDS [CST]  
53 James McCOY [BMH]

97.2 km Churchys Meat Sprint \*Bonus

15 Cody O'REILLY [BPC]  
53 James McCOY [BMH]  
16 Mark LANGLANDS [CST]

12:49:16 now just under 65kms to go in the race. Riders head out of Gore towards Riversdale. The leaders have now been away for 60 odd kms nearly 70kms and they have a time gap of 2minutes and 5 seconds over the peleton. No news of break aways from the peleton, will anyone make the move or will they wait for the lead riders to be caught? The word from former Tour rider Graeme Atkinson is that the peleton will catch them and that conditions are too good for any breaks to get away.

Results from the 98.4 km Hokonui Gold Radio (Broughton Street) Hill Climb  
17 Ben KING [CST] 15 Cody O'REILLY [BPC] and 16 Mark LANGLANDS [CST]

12:39:18 At the 96km mark we have just passed the Oceania Road finish line stretch in Gore. The Oceania road and track champs will be taking place next week at the ILT velodrome and the road race in Gore (Nov 11-15th) All information regarding the Oceanias will be on [www.bikenz.org.nz](http://www.bikenz.org.nz) or [www.ridestrong.org.nz](http://www.ridestrong.org.nz)

Lead is 2min 10  
53 James McCOY [BMH]  
15 Cody O'REILLY [BPC]  
16 Mark LANGLANDS [CST] and 17 Ben KING [CST]

12:32:31 Reports are that Zookeepers-Cycle Surgery continue to do the hard work in the peleton. just on 70kms remaining and the lead is at 2min 30. The peleton are starting to string out and put the pressure on. The yellow jersey is a couple of wheels of the front tucked in nice and close.

12:26:37 after 85km the lead is 2 min 40 to  
53 James McCOY [BMH]  
15 Cody O'REILLY [BPC]  
16 Mark LANGLANDS [CST] and 17 Ben KING [CST]

12:23:07 the word is the ZCS - Zookeepers Cycle Surgery team are doing a lot of the grunt work at the front of the peleton. those boys will be doing everything they can to keep Heath Blackgrove in the yellow PowerNet tour leaders jersey

12:19:08 Big hello to all of the supporters following the commentary. we are sure your boss will understand a quiet day on the work front (sounds like a tui ad)

12:17:39 at the 80km mark riders have just reached the top of the hill climb they now head towards Gore with a 2minutes 55 lead. The gap is tightening as we fast approach the half way mark in the stage.

12:14:39 Tour leader on the road is currently 17 Ben KING [CST] he is 46 seconds ahead of yellow jersey wearer 26 Heath BLACKGROVE [ZCS]

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12:11:04 riders have just turned into the wind and riding towards Waimumu hill thats a tough combination. at 78km lead is down to 3minutes 10 seconds

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Results of the 75.7 km Falls Hotel Mataura Sprint

53 James McCOY [BMH]  
15 Cody O'REILLY [BPC]  
16 Mark LANGLANDS [CST]

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At 75kms the lead riders are working well together but the gap is lowering now 3mins 35 we are approaching the Waimumu hill. It's approx 10km away and approx 1km in length. the hill may be the chance for the peleton to pull the leaders back.

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After approx 70 km race distance the lead four 53 James McCOY [BMH] 15 Cody O'REILLY [BPC] 17 Ben KING [CST] 16 Mark LANGLANDS [CST] are ahead by a time check of 4mins 30.

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We are not quite half way through the stage so still time for the riders to be caught but will they? Its been a tough tour so far for the WMP - Wintons Middle Pub . The team is down to 2 riders after yesterdays crash and an early crash this morning.

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Riders remaining for the team are  
98 Thomas HUBBARD [WMP]  
100 David AYRE [WMP]

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Lead four starting to grow their lead as we enter Wyndham. Lead is 3minutes 27 seconds

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53 James McCOY [BMH]  
15 Cody O'REILLY [BPC]  
17 Ben KING [CST]  
16 Mark LANGLANDS [CST]

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Rider 36 Tyler LOCKE [NMS] has just withdrawn from the race  
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1.1 km Parkside Panels Ltd Sprint

59 David TREACEY [CRS]  
75 Patrick BEVIN [APH]  
46 Samuel WHITMITZ [TTT]

1.7 km Gorton Auto Electricians Sprint

75 Patrick BEVIN [APH]  
6 Gordon McCAULEY [SWA]  
48 Latham CROFT [TTT]

2.4 km Bowmont Wholesale Meats Sprint

75 Patrick BEVIN [APH]  
109 Alex RAY [BCV]  
48 Latham CROFT [TTT]

3.4 km Deep South Ice Cream (Verdon College) Sprint

12.7 km Woodland Motors (Rimu School) Sprint

71 Aaron STRONG [APH]  
73 Mike NORTHEY [APH]  
51 Daniel BARRY [BMH]

22.5 km Woodlands Tavern (Woodlands School) Sprint

76 Karl MURRAY [STR]  
18 Brad HALL [CST]  
61 Jeremy YATES [TEP]

29.7 km Blue Sky Meats (Nz) Ltd Sprint

75 Patrick BEVIN [APH]  
91 Michael OLHEISER [JPM]  
20 Douglas REPACHOLI [CST]

43.2 km Edendale Butchery (Seaward Downs Preschool) Sprint

15 Cody O'REILLY [BPC]  
17 Ben KING [CST]  
53 James McCOY [BMH]

51.3 km Edendale Dairy Sprint

53 James McCOY [BMH]  
15 Cody O'REILLY [BPC]  
17 Ben KING [CST]

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It's better than Europe, we have just passed a beautiful paddock full of tulips.

<a href="#">Refresh</a>	Results of the 43.2 km Edendale Butchery (Seaward Downs Preschool) sprint are  15 Cody O'REILLY [BPC] 17 Ben KING [CST] 53 James McCOY [BMH]
11:27:37	Big shout out to the team at BikeNZ this morning working hard. Lots of work has been done recently trying to promote the 1.5m campaign to make it safer for all of us cyclists out there on our roads. Check out <a href="http://www.ridestrong.org.nz">www.ridestrong.org.nz</a> for more information and your chance to sign the petition.
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11:21:05	lead now 24 seconds in most promising break of the day. Approaching 43.2 km Edendale Butchery (Seaward Downs Preschool) Sprint
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11:18:19	Riders are heading on a slight down hill with a tailwind rider no 43 Dylan NEWELL [TPT] has just withdrawn from the race. 4 new riders out in front with approx 200m lead or 15 seconds after around 40kms
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	53 James McCOY [BMH] 17 Ben KING [CST] 16 Mark LANGLANDS [CST] 15 Cody O'REILLY [BPC]
11:10:48	4 riders in front only about 50m in front a 10second lead. 3 riders 10-15m off the peleton trying to catch them.
<a href="#">Refresh</a>	20 Douglas REPACHOLI [CST] 44 Joshua CHUGG [TPT] 75 Patrick BEVIN [APH] 91 Michael OLHEISER [JPM]
11:06:38	Just coming up to the 29.7 km Blue Sky Meats (Nz) Ltd Sprint 2 riders about 50m off the front going for the sprint.
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10:59:53	91 Michael OLHEISER [JPM] lead is out to 200m after 23km. Chasing riders have been pulled back in by the peleton.
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10:58:26	91 Michael OLHEISER [JPM] on his own 40m ahead with 2 chasing riders. The most promising move of the day so far.
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10:55:16	A lot trying for breaks but none are getting away at this stage. Praties rider just snuck off the front on his own but looking like he will be caught. Riders are now heading towards Woodlands on a long rolling straight. Lots of fresh snow on the Takitimu mountains in front of us, beautiful setting today for the stage.
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10:45:43	Group of riders starting to try and break off the main bunch. Alot of action and the peleton are working hard to shut it down.
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	Just coming up to 12.7 km mark Woodland Motors (Rimu School) Sprint
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<a href="#">Refresh</a>	Sprint Results  1.1 km Parkside Panels Ltd Sprint 75 Patrick BEVIN [APH] 76 Karl MURRAY [STR] 40 Corey FARRELL [NMS]  1.7 km Gorton Auto Electricians Sprint 75 Patrick BEVIN [APH] 8 Eric DROWER [SWA] 48 Latham CROFT [TTT]  2.4 km Bowmont Wholesale Meats Sprint 75 Patrick BEVIN [APH]
10:36:25	Early riders away no 41 Kyle MARWOOD [TPT] and no 8 Eric DROWER [SWA]
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10:36:53	97 Alan WILLIAMS [WMP] just been confirmed as a DNF.
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10:31:34	A couple of technical twists and turns at the start to test the riders.

	One rider clear 75 Patrick BEVIN [APH] took out sprint no 1
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10:29:19	Riders are now racing. Sprints will be coming thick and fast over the first 4kms.
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10:21:35	The riders are making their way through the streets of Invercargill. There are schools kids lining the streets waving flags and cheering like you wouldn't believe. Great community support down here.
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10:11:19	Riders are on the road ready for stage 3. There will be a Neutralised start with racing starting outside Southland Girls High School
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09:58:54	Racing about to get underway from the ILT Velodrome. The wind is starting to pick up but certainly a lot calmer than yesterday!
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22:53:35	<b>26 Heath BLACKGROVE [ZCS]</b> is the <b>PowerNet</b> Tour leader in the Yellow jersey.
<a href="#">Refresh</a>	<b>97 Alan WILLIAMS [WMP]</b> is wearing the Green jersey of the <b>Harcourts Sprint Ace</b> leading from
	<b>104 Michael VINK [STT]</b> is the <u>Under 23</u> leader with the <b>PSIS</b> Pink jersey.
	<b>80 Jack BAUER [STR]</b> will wear the Red and White Polka Dot jersey of the <b>Hydraulink King of the Mountains (KOM)</b> .
20:28:50	The following 11 riders did not finish stage 2 on Monday.
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	Hopefully there will be 114 riders at the start of stage 3.
11:00:00	Welcome to the LIVE TEXT Commentary for stage 3 in the 53rd PowerNet Tour of Southland. <b>Commentary provided by Rachael Neutze from BikeNZ</b> This stage is sponsored by Matura Licensing Trust
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	<b>Stage 3 is 165km. The route is as follows: Invercargill (ILT Velodrome) - Rimu - Woodlands - Seaward Downs - Edendale - Wyndham - Matura - Waimumu - West Gore - Mandeville - Riversdale - Otama - Knapdale - Gore (Traffers Tavern, Hokonui Drive)</b>
	<b>SPRINTS/KOM Hill Climbs</b> 1.1km Parkside Panels Ltd Sprint 1.7km Gorton Auto Electricians Sprint 2.4km Bowmont Wholesale Meats Sprint 3.4km Deep South Ice Cream Sprint (Verdon College) 12.7km East Road Pets Sprint (Rimu School) 22.5km Woodlands Tavern Sprint (Woodlands School) 29.7km Blue Sky Meats (NZ) Ltd Sprint 43.2km Edendale Butchery Sprint (Seaward Downs Preschool) 51.3km Edendale Dairy Sprint 56.2km Rodgers Garage Wyndham Sprint (Schools) 57.2km J.B. & S.G. Price Ltd Wyndham Sprint *Bonus 75.7km Falls Hotel Matura Sprint 80.6km Bell & Wyatt Hill Climb (Waimumu) 96.4km Hokonui Haulage (West Gore School) Sprint 97.2km Churchy`s Meat Sprint *Bonus 98.4km Hokonui Gold Radio (Broughton Street) Hill Climb 118.5km Andrews Transport Hill Climb (Mandeville/Kingston Crossing Road) 130.1km Blue Diamond Riversdale Sprint 139.2km Carnaby Cars Hill Climb (Otama) 145.0km Murray Thomas (Otama School) Sprint 166.9km Matura Licensing Trust Stage Finish

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