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2009 Stage 2 Live Text Commentary

Stage Date: 2 Nov 2009 81.82 km | Start at 13:00 | Finish 15:00 (approx) |
 | Invercargill-Myross Bush-Makarewa-Wallacetown-West Plains-Otatara-SH1 (Bluff Road) to the top of Bluff Hill |
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RESULTS

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26 Heath BLACKGROVE [ZCS] is in the **PowerNet** Tour leader in the Yellow jersey after stage 2.

97 Alan WILLIAMS [WMP] is wearing the Green jersey of the **Harcourts Sprint Ace**. It was incorrectly reported on Tour Radio that he had withdrawn from the Tour.

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

104 Michael VINK [STT] is the leader in the Red and White Polka Dot jersey of the **Hydraulink King of the Mountains (KOM)**.

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I had a word with a few people up at the top of Bluff Hill.

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Someone crashed into Hayden Roulston and damaged his knee so he had to pull out.

Ray Robinson reckons about 80 odd riders were involved in the crash.

3 riders went off in a ambulance after the crash.

Marc Ryan believe that Heath Blackgrove may be in yellow.

I will update and confirm after the stage presentation.

16:14:01

Jack Bauer just edged out Heath Blackgrove close to the line to win satge 2 of the 2009 PowerNet Tour of Southland from Invercargill to Bluff on a very windy Bluff Hill.

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I will update the classification standings after the stage presentation in about 25 minutes or so.

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UNOFFICIAL RESULTS
 80 Jack BAUER [STR]
 26 Heath BLACKGROVE [ZCS]
 104 Michael VINK [STT]
 79 Romain FONDARD [STR]
 11 Jeremy VENNEL [BPC]
 2 Marc RYAN [CLP]
 13 Ben JACQUES-MAYNES [BPC]
 68 Mathew GORTER [PNT]

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Michael Vink has attacked at the foot of the initial climb.

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The chasing group are nly about 25 seconds off the leaders.

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2 Marc RYAN [CLP] 26 Heath BLACKGROVE [ZCS] 27 Sam BEWLEY [ZCS]
 6 Gordon McCAULEY [SWA] 7 Hayden GODFREY [SWA] 11 Jeremy VENNEL [BPC] 12 Peter LATHAM [BPC] 13 Ben JACQUES-MAYNES [BPC] are the chasing group.

- 15:54:38 The following group include 6 Gordon McCAULEY [SWA] 7 Hayden GODFREY [SWA] and 13 Ben JACQUES-MAYNES [BPC].
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- 15:53:23 Karl Moore was the 2001 PowerNet Tour of Southland winner.
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- 15:50:34 About 8 riders are putting in a huge effort to get across, closely followed by another 4.
At the 10 km to go sign, Vink at Atkinson have been joined by Moore and Newell. The gap was 50 seconds.
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- 15:47:11 Karl Moore was at 35 seconds and Newell at 40 seconds, so Moore would go into yellow if it stays like this.
Vink and Atkinson have a lead of 55 seconds back to the main bunch. Vink was at 40 seconds and Atkinson was at 1:04.
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- 15:44:33 If it stays like that, Michael Vink will go into yellow.
The chasing two are about 50m off the back of 2008 and 2009 Yunca Junior of Southland winner Michael Vink and Jonathan ATKINSON [EGS], nephew of our driver Graeme Atkinson.
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- 15:41:31 We have just passed the 15 km to go sign and there is now large group of riders out in front.
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- 121 Jonathon ATKINSON [EGS] 104 Michael VINK [STT] have gone off the front by around 60 metres.
43 Dylan NEWELL [TPT] 33 Karl MOORE [KMS] are trying to get across.
- 15:36:25 A very strong wind is now coming from a south westerly direction and is really blowing the riders around. The race is really split apart into small groups and open to the elements.
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- 15:28:31 Approaching the Ballance works, the riders have a headwind to contend with.
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- 15:25:29 Looking back there is a group of about 9 riders getting across to join the second group.
The leading group has split into two groups.
80 Jack BAUER [STR] 16 Mark LANGLANDS [CST] 55 Matt SILLARS [BMH] are in the leading group some 100m in front.
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- 46 Samuel WHITMITZ [TTT] 47 James IBRAHIM [TTT] 31 Robin REID [KMS] are in the second group.
The main field has been completely blown apart by the vicious cross winds.
Riders 121 Jonathon ATKINSON [EGS] 75 Patrick BEVIN [APH] 81 Brent ALLNUT [PMK] 70 Chris MACIC [PNT] are trying to get across.
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- 15:21:22 97 has pulled out of the tour after that crash in Clyde Street.
The pace is on as we go down Clyde Street
- 15:15:09 [Refresh](#)
- 15:12:12 97 Alan WILLIAMS [WMP] 53 James McCOY [BMH] just crashed after the sprint.
Jack Bauer is now 22 seconds off the back of the leading 7 riders.
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- 15:10:07 Approaching the left turn onto Dunns Road in Otatara, the leading 7 riders have a 65 second lead over the main bunch.
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- Rider 80 Jack BAUER [STR] is in no mans land, 29 seconds off the back of the leaders.
The leaders are flying along at over 65 km/h down Dunns Road.
Progressing along Otatara Road, the leading 7 riders have a 400m lead. The following peloton are all strung out in single file.
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- 15:02:33 21 Floyd LANDIS [CBS] has requested service for a rear wheel. I wonder what he makes of the 2009 edition of the PowerNet Tour so far?
- 14:58:37 NEWSFLASH
It has just come over the Tour Radio that Hayden Roulston is in the Colour Plus team van.
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- This will mean that the 3 time defending champion is now out of the race.
It has not been reported why Roly has pulled out yet.
- 14:57:09 The wind is hammering at the riders passing through Grasmere.
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- 78 Ryan WILLS [STR] is a DNF.
The leading group now consists of 7 riders as we leave Grasmere. These guys have a lead of 55 seconds at the 100km sign.
- 14:49:28 Hayden Roulston (Roly) needs service on Gloucester Road.
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- 14:47:53 The next four riders have also restarted.
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- The wind is still up as we turn onto West Plains Road. They will be flying down here before turning

onto Gloucester Street.

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19 and 100 had some mechanical issues and are getting service.
The first group of riders have just restarted.

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Gordy has just been advised that he has about one minute to get a bike organised or the clock is ticking.
Gordon McCauley has got a broken bike and is looking for a replacement. I saw his bike yesterday at the Stage Zero Ride with the Stars event and he was telling somebody that he had only got it a couple of days ago.

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We will try and get an update on the sprints on the way to Otatarā.

Placemakers have broken two of their bikes and are trying to borrow a bike from another team.

The race will be starting shortly.

Riders 46 Samuel WHITMITZ [TTT] 53 James McCOY [BMH] 97 Alan WILLIAMS [WMP] will start first, followed by 55 Matt SILLARS [BMH] 16 Mark LANGLANDS [CST] 47 James IBRAHIM [TTT] 31 Robin REID [KMS] some 27 seconds later.

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The police have stopped all of the riders just before Green Acres Golf Club.

The main contenders seem to have avoided the carnage on the bridge. I saw Ryan, Roulston, Blackgrove, Gough, McCauley, Godfrey, Bewley, Sergeant outside the golf club. Gordy McCauley seemed to be having some issues with his bike.

The tour organisers are going to restart the race shortly.

The leading 3 riders will start first, followed by the next 4 at 27 seconds and then the main field after 1:21.

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We have just turned left at Wallacetown and the riders get a short respite with a tailwind for a few km.

The gap was 1:21 at the turn. It was 34 seconds back to the

There was a big crash involving over 40 riders just out of Wallacetown.

Peter Tomlinson, the Chief Commissare has just informed all officials to stop the race.

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At Young Road progressing towards Wallacetown the 3 leading riders are maintaining the gap at 1:10.

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The gap is now 1:13 to the peleton as we turn back towards Wallacetown. The gap back to the chasing 4 is 23 seconds. The wind is now right to left and still pretty strong.

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At the 100km sign outside the Freezing Works.

There are the same 3 riders out front by 27 seconds from the chasing 4.

The gap is one minute from the leading riders to the peleton.

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The gap is back to 23 seconds from the first group to the second group as we turn off SH6 towards the Alliance Freezing works.

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55 55 Matt SILLARS [BMH]
16 Mark LANGLANDS [CST]
47 James IBRAHIM [TTT]
31 Robin REID [KMS]
are trying to get across approaching Makarewa School.

94 Seth RUBIN [JPM] has gone off the front.

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The three riders have a 51 second lead at 19.5km race distance.

Makarewa School are all out in force waiting for the sprint.

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Riders 46 Samuel WHITMITZ [TTT] 53 James McCOY [BMH] 97 Alan WILLIAMS [WMP] now have a 350m lead halfway along Flora Road.

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The break has been shut down as we cross the Lornville-Dacre Road at 13.3km race distance.

The sun is shining as we look north toward the snow capped mountains. The riders are doing it tough.

Looking back, the field are really spread out now as we turn into Flora Road East. They will be riding straight into a very strong headwind towards Makarewa.

The pace has really dropped along Flora Road. We are pottering along at about 20 km/h.

28 Westley GOUGH [ZCS] had a mechanical and had to work very hard to get back on, which he managed successfully.

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62 Michael TORCKLER [TEP] 78 Ryan WILLS [STR] 97 Alan WILLIAMS [WMP] and another rider are out in from as we turn into Mill Road North ... straight into a left to right crosswind.

Our driver, Graeme Atkinson said it will be murder for the riders going along here. There are a lot of

riders in the gutter.
13:34:22 The peleton are progressing along Bainfield Road with a tail wind.
There are 3 riders off the front by about 50 metres about 7 km into the stage.

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13:31:48 The hammer went down straightaway and there are a few riders off the front doing over 50 km/h as we go up Dee Street.

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There has been a crash back in the peleton on Dee Street.
Riders 39 and 107 have requested service from their team vans.

13:25:24 Marc Ryan told Rachael Neutze after the Team Time Trial how the Colour Plus team decided who would get the yellow jersey. Jesse Sergent, Hayden Roulston and Ryan put their names into a hat and Marc Ryan was chosen.

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Hayden Roulston decided not to wear the Harcourts Sprint Ace jersey after the Team Time Trial.

It is very windy as we wait for the stage to start on Dee Street.

13:18:44 **2 Marc RYAN [CLP]** is in the **PowerNet** Tour leader in the Yellow jersey.

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9 Joseph COOPER [SWA] is wearing the Red and White Polka Dot jersey of the **Hydraulink King of the Mountains (KOM)**

13:12:42 Welcome to the LIVE TEXT Commentary for stage 2 in the 53rd PowerNet Tour of Southland.

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Commentary provided by Tony Corkill from PowerNet and Rachael Neutze from BikeNZ

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Stage 2 is 81.82km. The route is as follows: Invercargill-Myross Bush-Makarewa-Wallacetown-West Plains-Otatara-SH1 (Bluff Road) to the top of Bluff Hill

SPRINTS/KOM Hill Climbs

- 2.5km McLellan Motors Sprint
- 10.5km Hecton Products (Myross Bush School)
- 20.8km Swain Family Sprint (Makarewa School)
- 29.6km Wallacetown Motors Ltd Sprint
- 36.7km Prime Range Meats Sprint
- 38.3km Coachmans Inn Sprint (Donovan School) *Bonus
- 39.1km Jesco Hydraulics Sprint
- 48.3km E.H Ball ITM Building Supplies Sprint
- 50.5km Wetlands Liquor Sprint
- 53.6km Southern Suzuki Sprint
- 55.1km SportsMed South Sprint
- 78.3km Southfish Coop Sprint
- 79.3km South Port NZ Ltd Hill Climb
- 81.63km 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.