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2009 Stage 9 Live Text Commentary

Stage Date: 7 Nov 2009 64.4 km | Start at 13:30 | Finish 15:00 (approx) |
 | Winton - Browns - Springhills - Grove Bush - Myross Bush - Invercargill (Gala Street) |

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Stage 9 Sponsor: Ascot Park Hotel, Invercargill
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16:00:18

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Heath Blackgrove wins the **PowerNet** Tour of Southland.

Patrick Bevin wins the **Harcourts Sprint Ace**.

Tom Findlay wins the **PSIS U23 Classification**.

Ben King wins the **Hydraulink King of the Mountains (KOM)**.

Zookeepers Cycle Surgery win the **Wensleys Avanti Plus Teams Classification**

15:12:12

The first few riders were Frenchman 79 Romain FONDARD [STR], 68 Mathew GORTER [PNT] and Karl MURRAY [STR].

I will confirm the placings and classification winners after the presentation.

15:08:16

79 Romain FONDARD [STR] wins stage 9 of the 2009 PowerNet Tour of Southland.

Heath Blackgrove finishes with the bunch with his team to win his first PowerNet trophy.

15:03:41

Karl Murray gets the bell about 20m ahead of the main field. Zookeepers Cycle Surgery were on the front controlling it, with Heath Blackgrove sitting in about 6th wheel.

14:59:27

The leaders will get the bell next time.

14:58:51

The wind is really blowing now as another group pass the line again.

14:57:38

Karl Murray leads Sam Bewley over the line. Two laps to go now.

14:55:37

There is a big crowd in a windy Gala Street cheering the riders past the finish line for the first time.

14:49:47

The riders will go over the line three more times.
 Gordy and Karl have a 30m lead down Kelvin Street.

14:49:46

50.1 km Windsor New World (Herbert Street) Sprint

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6 Gordon McCAULEY [SWA]
 76 Karl MURRAY [STR]
 28 Westley GOUGH [ZCS]
 Karl Murray and McCauley have gone off the front on Herbert Street.

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14:47:29 Onto Herbert Street now. A big group of riders to battle it out for the stage finish.

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14:46:28 The leaders are flying up Queens Drive now.

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14:45:36 The gap was 1:15 at 47.5km.

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14:44:26 We are onto Queens Drive now.

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14:43:20 The gap is 1:05 at 45km.

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When the riders get to the roundabout, they will turn left into Queens Drive, right at Herbert Street roundabout, left into Kelvin Street and then left into Gala Street.

They will cross the finish line and then do 3 circuits.

The last gap was 1:07 at 18km to go.

14:42:26 We are now on the outskirts of Invercargill. Riders will race into town and then ride 3x loops of the Queens Park circuit- the same circuit that was used on Stage one on the Teams Time Trial.

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14:39:05 20 km to go now.

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14:37:43 110 Tom Findlay has a slow puncture along Bainfield Road. He has not been serviced yet.

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14:36:03 We have just passed the 25km to go sign. The gap was 51 seconds.

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Giddy to John Atkinson, father of Jonathan Atkinson in the Energy Smart team and brother of our driver Graeme. He just phoned through for an update because he said there was nothing on the computer.

The gap is 52 seconds at Myross Bush.

We are just about to turn off onto Bainfield Road now.

14:30:02 The riders are just about to turn into Mill Road North.

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14:28:42 37.5km and the lead group of 20+ are still out in front. There's a turn coming up which will mean a side wind as opposed to the current head wind. The next turn could be one of the last chances to break the field up.

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14:25:34 We just passed the Kennington Roslyn Bush Road and the riders are really being blown about by the wind. The rain has just started as we progress along the Lorneville Dacre Road.

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14:25:23 There's just in much pressure here in the car than on the bikes. Hard luck about losing the names there Tony

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14:24:47 And here comes the rain.

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14:21:51 I just lost a whole page of data when we turned round to check which rider just fell off!

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#%#%#%#%\$##\$%!
It was 79 Romain FONDARD [STR].

A big hello to Stephen Harcourt, son of Southland Times Photographer, Barry, in Western Australia. I saw Barry in Winton, told me that Stephen was following the PowerNet Tour of Southland on www.tourosouthland.com.

Giddy to former Tour rider Chris O`Connor also in Perth, WA.

The leading group of 22 riders after 28km.

2 Marc RYAN [CLP] 3 Jesse SERGENT [CLP] 6 Gordon McCaULEY [SWA] 11 Jeremy VENNELL [BPC] 12 Peter LATHAM [BPC] 17 Ben KING [CST] 26 Heath BLACKGROVE [ZCS] 27 Sam BEWLEY [ZCS] 28 Westley GOUGH [ZCS] 29 Glen CHADWICK [ZCS] 32 Justin KERR [KMS] 33 Karl MOORE [KMS] 41 Kyle MARWOOD [TPT] 68 Mathew GORTER [PNT] 70 Chris MACIC [PNT] 73 Mike NORTHEY [APH] 75 Patrick BEVIN [APH] 76 Karl MURRAY [STR] 79 Romain FONDARD [STR] 80 Jack BAUER [STR] 91 Michael OLHEISER [JPM] 104 Michael VINK [STT] 107 Taylor GUNMAN [BCV] 110 Tom FINDLAY [BCV] .

14:18:07 We have not had any time gaps for a while. The gap looks big though.
The race has really split up now. It is very windy now. The riders have headwinds and cross winds to

	<input type="button" value="Refresh"/>	contend with and the peleton are all over the place.
14:11:56		The leading group of about 30 riders have a 15 second lead after 16km. The Yellow and Pink Jerseys are in this group. 26.4 km Southern Paints PPG Industrial Coatings (Grove Bush) Hill Climb results
	<input type="button" value="Refresh"/>	104 Michael VINK [STT] 6 Gordon McCAULEY [SWA] ?
13:52:39		Lead riders are now caught by chasing riders. The lead bunch now has approx 30 riders in it
	<input type="button" value="Refresh"/>	13:49:32 Its back to the cross winds. The riders will be looking forward to making it to Invercargill and off their bikes away from the wind.
	<input type="button" value="Refresh"/>	The lead group are getting split up. The race is stretched out for miles. 13:47:48 A group of 6 have gone off the front after 7km
	<input type="button" value="Refresh"/>	21 Floyd LANDIS [CBS] 35 George BENNETT [KMS] 41 Kyle MARWOOD [TPT] 51 Daniel BARRY [BMH] 73 Mike NORTHEY [APH] 79 Romain FONDARD [STR]
13:47:40		These guys have a lead of 10 seconds at 8km. Marwood and Vennell having a crack off the front of the leading bunch.
	<input type="button" value="Refresh"/>	13:46:48 7.8 km Central Southland TAB Sprint results
	<input type="button" value="Refresh"/>	41 Kyle MARWOOD [TPT] 79 Romain FONDARD [STR]
13:42:08		35 George BENNETT [KMS] 4.1 km AB Lime Sprint results
	<input type="button" value="Refresh"/>	105 Sam STEELE [STT] 46 Samuel WHITMITZ [TTT]
13:35:40		53 James McCOY [BMH] After 3kms the riders are all back in together again. Karl Murray is setting the pace with Gordy McCauley also up the front of the bunch.
	<input type="button" value="Refresh"/>	13:33:46 Here"s hoping the internet coverage will be better for this stage and we can keep you updated with the race as it unfolds. Gordy McCauley was the first rider to try and get away once they started. Jonothan Atkinson has also had a crack at making a break but it"s early days yet.
	<input type="button" value="Refresh"/>	13:32:09 We are racing the final stage of the PowerNet tour of Southland.
	<input type="button" value="Refresh"/>	13:30:01 The race will be starting in 2 minutes.
	<input type="button" value="Refresh"/>	Winton is full of people waving their lime green PowerNet Tour of Southland flags as the riders progress towards the start line on Florence Road.
12:17:50		Heath Blackgrove is still the PowerNet Tour leader in the Yellow jersey 67 seconds ahead of Jack Bauer, with Tom Findlay at 1:16.
	<input type="button" value="Refresh"/>	Patrick Bevin continues to dominate in the Green jersey of the Harcourts Sprint Ace . Tom Findlay is the <u>Under 23</u> 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) . Zookeepers Cycle Surgery are leading the Wensleys Avanti Plus Teams Classification . 12:13:05 Welcome to the LIVE TEXT Commentary for stage 9 in the 53rd PowerNet Tour of Southland. <input type="button" value="Refresh"/> Commentary provided by Tony Corkill (PowerNet) & Rachael Neutze (BikeNZ).
		This stage is sponsored by Ascot Park Hotel, Invercargill
		Stage 9 is 64.4km. The route is as follows: Winton - Browns - Springhills - Grove Bush - Myross Bush - Invercargill (Gala Street)
		SPRINTS/KOM Hill Climbs 4.1km AB Lime Sprint 7.8km Central Southland TAB Sprint 26.4km Dominator Doors (Grove Bush) Hill Climb 50.1km Windsor New World Sprint (Herbert Street) 52.1km Hewat Galt Sprint (Gala Street)

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54.2km Pro-Health Physiotherapy Sprint (Herbert Street)
56.2km E. H. Ball ITM Building Supplies (Gala Street) Sprint *Bonus
60.3km PGG Wrightson Aon Sprint
64.4km Ascot Park HoStage 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.