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DT Swiss Mountains To Beach – The Big Day Out

Today saw riders leave the Snowy Mountains for a gruelling 90km race stage followed by a 40km cruise into Bermagui on the NSW South Coast. Truly a big day out.

The day started with a loop around the Cooma Racetrack and then riding through the Monaro Plains to the never ridden climb of Numeralla Mountain and on down the escarpment through the spectacular rainforest of Wadbilliga National Park.

The best effort of the day goes to Greg Seaegg who late Wednesday night wasn't going to ride the race stage as he thought it was going to be too hard and he wouldn't make the cutoff. He completed the stage ten minutes prior to cutoff and has every reason to be pleased with himself tonight.

While Greg was finishing Stage 9, the front end of the pack had finished Stage 10, the cruise from Yowrie to Bermagui.

Excitement was the order of the day, with Andy Blair leading the race stage most of the way, only to be passed by Jason English within the last 10km. Jason completed the 90km in 3:27:50, a minute and half ahead of Andy Blair 3:29:25. Nicolas Menager came in third in 3:30:50.

Today's win by Jason has extended his overall lead to nine minutes and twenty-one seconds with an overall time of 9:35:20. Andy Blair has completed the 340km in 9:44:41 and is six minutes and thirteen seconds ahead of Andrew Fellows on 9:50:54.

On a challenging day of deep river crossings and loose rock descents, Megan Dimozantos managed to draw ahead of Belinda Porter. Megan took 4:27:35 to complete the race stage, with Belinda over thirteen minutes later on 4:40:56. Clare Lonergan came in third eight minutes later on 4:49:24.

Belinda is now more than twenty six minutes behind Megan overall whose on 12:51:14 to Belinda's 13:17:32. Clare Lonergan is still in third place overall on 13:48:05, more than half an hour behind Belinda.

Tomorrow is the final day, the 50km Ground Effect Surf Safari and while the results appear set, anything could happen on the race up the coast to Narooma, with river crossings, beach riding (pushing?) and tides to take into account. One small miscalculation could see riders lose valuable minutes to their closest competitors.

Full race results can be found at www.wildhorizons.com.au/mountains-to-beach/results-reports

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