



Media Release

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The race heats up.

Stage 7 of the Crocodile Trophy extreme mountain bike race: 19-28 October 2010

Steep climbs, deep rivers and scorching hot rocks marked the 151km trail to Laura with the terrain showing little remorse following yesterday's neutralised ride from Chillagoe to Mt Mulgrave following the death of fellow rider Weit Heuker.

Earlier, a bold attack against the lead group saw Mike Mulkins (3) break from the peloton and ride alone for over 100km's -only to be reeled back into the lead group in the final few km's and spat out the back in the final sprint.

Again the strong, practiced legs of Bart Brentjens (2) proved superior in 4:53:56, though he was closely shadowed by race leader Urs Huber (1) in 4:53:56 who continues to maintain his lead in time overall.

Huber said of the stage "I knew exactly what to expect from last year. I decided in the morning to roll home and just try to save energy as I don't like long straight roads".

Brentjens says of the stage: "I worked a lot today at 25km's I did most of the work alone as the others (there was a group of 3) were not strong enough so I pushed until a group of 8 formed. I am very tired because of the wind, the heat and the dust.

The fiercest competition now seems to be among the boys behind- with both Phillipe Ludescher (14) 4:53:57 and Cory Wallace (25) 4:54:05 vying for a stage win and coming through 3rd and 4th in today's race respectively.

Cairns local Abby McLennan (91) from team 'Rattle n Hum' maintained her domination of the race despite a crash on a hill mid race.

After tangling her foot in husband Scott's wheel spokes- breaking 5 of his spokes teammate Brendon Skerke -who also fell in the smash- went on to lead Abby across the line in 6:14:42 after they regrettably had to leave team mate Scott behind.

Abby thoughts were with her husband and fellow team mate when she crossed the line said, "I'm really sorry for Scott, he will have to spend at least half an hour trying to fix it (his wheel) and he was very sick last night and he's out there alone".

First Australian across the line and in today's top 10 was Hans Dielacher, coming through in 5:15:17.





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Dielacher said of the stage "It was so hot and hard. I'm really pleased with my progress so far, I wanted to get on the podium in my category and I'm really happy with where I am."

Tuesday's stage thrusts riders eastward against roads of corrugation and holes filled with bull dust and sand while they constantly fight a strong headwind for the entire 142km's to Cooktown.

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