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## Quotes- Stage Three 2008 Tour de Georgia presented by AT&T

### **Greg Henderson (NZL), Team High Road**

#### ***On final moves to get the win in Gainesville for Stage Three***

"We have one of the strongest teams in the race. Right at the finish there I had Kansta Siutsou (High Road) and George Hincapie (High Road) looking after me pretty well. I don't think we left the top five for the last three laps and then coming up 500 to go George just nailed it and Greipel actually dived down inside me on the last corner. I was like 'that looks good, three High Road.' And it was just a drag race between Greipel and I to the line. And, yeah I was lucky enough to get it."

#### ***On the downhill sprint finish***

"It's quite bizarre because the sprint kinda ended at the top of the hill. Because even though you are going down hill, I couldn't grip in harder on the pedal. It just got faster just because of the downhill. The race is really to the top of the hill and let the momentum carry you to the line."

#### ***On taking over the AT&T Overall Leaders Jersey***

"Yeah, it worked out really well today, didn't it. Again High Road did such a great job and they were looking after me to the finish and I'm just happy I could finish it off for the team. "

#### ***On the help the received from his team***

"It's unbelievable, and again I have to thank my team, Team High Road, can't thank them enough. Just looking after me to the finish here. George Hincapie and Kansta Siutsou, my Belarusian roommate. . . He woke up this morning and goes ' today you strong' . . . It turned out brilliant, the three of us to the last corner; first, second, and third. Then it was a drag race between Griepel and I to the line and I was lucky. I must be heavier on the downhill."

#### ***On how fast was he going in the sprint:***

"My maximum speed was 82 kilometers per hour somewhere on the race today, but there were a lot of fast sections on the race, but I'm pretty sure we would've hit 65-70 kilometers per hour by the time we got to the line just 'cause it was so downhill."

#### ***On winning in Georgia, both for the team and personally:***

"It's always very important to Team High Road to win here in America, we're an American based team, so we send a strong team to every American race and it's important that we race strong and race well. At the moment we have a stage win, we nearly hit one yesterday, [we have] the yellow jersey and the sprint jersey so things are going pretty good at the moment. For me, before I went to Europe I raced in America for four years and I'd always get a little bit of extra motivation when I come back here to race the guys, a lot of the same guys, and catching up with old teammates and friends in the peloton and not so friends in the peloton. It's good."

### **Rory Sutherland (AUS), Team Health Net presented by Maxxis (Georgia Lottery Most Aggressive Rider)**

#### ***On what made him decide to attack on the last lap of the circuit in Gainesville:***

"I think we came on to the circuit half way through... If you haven't been on a circuit then it's really good to kind of figure out exactly what's coming and if it's going to be possible. And the way that High Road was riding a good tempo at the front, I kind of expected more to be happening at the front. But at that time you kind of forget that there's a long line behind and with all the corners it slows everybody up so it's one of those things that you take the opportunity as it comes and it seemed like a good time to go and I guess getting a gap means that it was. I just kind of wish somebody had come with me."

**Frank Pipp (USA), Health Net presented by Maxxis (holds the United Community Bank King of the Mountain jersey)**

***On his participation in the breakaway:***

“Just playing the team role. Everyone was covering a lot of moves today and I just happened to be the lucky or unlucky one to get in the breakaway today so that’s the way it played out. I tried to ride strong and always try to make it to the finish. Realistically, you know you’re not going to, but you’re still going to try. So you ride hard in the break and once you get to the circuits hopefully the rest of your team can get the job done.”

**Tyler Farrar (USA), Team Slipstream Chipotle presented by h30 (GE Best Young Rider )**

***On the sprint and last kilometer of the course:***

“It was pretty hectic on the circuits. Very technical & the hills were a lot harder than we expected, I think harder than most teams expected. We had a little mishap on our team with our GC guy breaking his wheel, and the guys had to go back for him and they did a really good job getting him back into the field, which was really good for us and then we just tried to play off High Road as best I could and they rode it to perfection, so I feel pretty happy with third place.”

***On how his role will shift:***

“I was a replacement in this race, almost an afterthought. I didn’t get put on the schedule ‘til about a week before the race started. The team’s priority here is to win the overall, that’s what we’re here to do, so hopefully tomorrow will go well for us and then it will be all about setting up our GC riders ‘cause we have a really good team and I think it’s gonna be a good race... there’s a lot of guys that can win but I think we’ll be able to take a good crack at it.”

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