

Hitec Products Women's Professional Cycling Team

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Chongming Island, China - May 9, 2013: Hosking Takes Yellow On The Second Stage Of Tour Of Chongming Island.

Hitec Products' Chloe Hosking sprinted into the race lead in today's second stage of the Tour of Chongming Island.

After claiming second place on the stage and placing in both intermediate sprints Chloe collected 11 bonus seconds throughout the stage and moved into the overall lead of the three day tour with a six-second lead over Orica-AIS's Annette Edmondson.

The longest of the three stages, today's 113 kilometre stage was raced in wet and windy conditions and while the peloton shattered in the crosswinds at 70 kilometres the race ultimately finished in a bunch sprint.

"I woke up this morning and it was pouring but I was actually quite pleased. I don't mind racing in miserable conditions. It makes the race that much more difficult which is always a good thing," Chloe said of the less than ideal race conditions.

"We wanted to try and be really aggressive today and make the race hard and the girls did a great job," Chloe said.

"A small group of about 12 rode away in the crosswinds just before the second sprint and I thought that was a really great situation because Hitec had three girls in there with Elisa (Longo-Borghini), Celcilie (G. Johsen) and me but it didn't stick so we had to regroup and get ready for the sprint," Chloe said.

Italian Giorgia Bronzini (Wiggle Honda Pro Cycling) just bested Chloe on the line to take stage honors while Edmondson finished third to round out the podium.

"The girls were fantastic today. They gave me great support and were around me all day so I have to say a big thank you to them,"

"It's great to take the yellow now and to stay in the green but there's still tomorrow and six seconds is definitely not a comfortable lead. We'll have to stay focussed but I really hope we can keep the yellow," Chloe said.

Chloe leads the tour by six-seconds to fellow Australian Edmondson and maintains her lead in the race's Green points classification.

Tomorrow's final stage will be raced on a 10 kilometre circuit around the city centre of Chongming Island and includes two intermediate sprints which will surely be hotly contested

as the peloton continues to battle for the race's overall lead.

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