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## **Italy's Bettin Victorious in Stage One of Crocodile Trophy**

**Italy's Mauro Bettin has emerged once again as the leading contender for overall honours in the Crocodile Trophy of 2007, following a spirited stage winning performance on day one of the outback classic.**

**Bettin's technical skills came to the fore during a stage which took riders by surprise, few more so than the leader of the Felt Dream Team.**

**"I was not prepared for that today," Bettin admitted at stage end.**

**"My tyre set-up was was not right, I had too much pressure, it was hard to stay in control."**

**But the former World Cup Champion was in absolute control when the race ventured seriously off-road for the first time on what appeared to be a benign eighty kilometre stage between Mareeba and the outback town of Irvinebank.**

**What confronted the rapidly disintegrating peloton was a washed-out dirt trail through the sun-baked back country of Far North Queensland, complete with patches of sand, unrideable rocky slopes and nail-biting descents.**

**A proven master in such terrain, Bettin finished the day with a lead in the General Classification of more than one minute, ahead of Dane Allan Carlsen.**

**Full report to follow later this evening.**





## 2007 Stage Plan (Updated)

<b>Mareeba – Irvinebank</b>	<b>80km</b>	<b>23/10</b>
<b>Irvinebank – Koombooloomba</b>	<b>107km</b>	<b>24/10</b>
<b>Koombooloomba – Gunnawarra</b>	<b>122km</b>	<b>25/10</b>
<b>Gunnawarra – Chillagoe</b>	<b>140km</b>	<b>26/10</b>
<b>Chillagoe – Chillagoe</b>	<b>140km</b>	<b>27/10</b>
<b>Chillagoe – Mount Mulgrave</b>	<b>120km</b>	<b>28/10</b>
<b>Mount Mulgrave – Laura</b>	<b>148km</b>	<b>29/10</b>
<b>Laura - Cooktown</b>	<b>142km</b>	<b>30/10</b>
<b>Cooktown – Daintree</b>	<b>106km</b>	<b>31/10</b>
<b>Daintree – Cape Tribulation</b>	<b>32km</b>	<b>01/11</b>



*Cooktown .. a magic stage  
finish atop Grassy Hill*