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Dream Bay Classic start for defending champion

Commonwealth Games gold medallist, leader of the Honda Dream Team and defending champion Rochelle Gilmore has beaten strong competition to win the first race of the Bay Classic Criterium Series in Geelong today.

Gilmore said today's win was a perfect start for the team as they work to defend their individual and team titles from 2010.

"To win the first race of 2011 is always a good thing, it puts us in a really strong position. It's unbelievable the run the Honda Dream Team has had and I put it down to the support we get and the way we operate as a unit," she said.

"We didn't have a set plan today. We didn't know anyone's form so we went in with an open mind and we pulled it off in the end. It's great to win the first race."

Gilmore, who has won the Bay Classic twice before, said the addition of fellow Commonwealth Games champion, Megan Dunn, has given the Honda Dream Team a strong boost.

"Megan's great, she's won two gold medals at the Commonwealth Games and she's already one of the best cyclists Australia's seen. She's learning a lot about our team and the way we race and I wouldn't have won today if it weren't for Megan and the rest of the Honda Dream Team."

Rochelle Gilmore was followed over the line by Belinda Goss in second, Nicole Whitburn in third and fellow Honda Dream Team member Peta Mullens in fourth place.

Prior to this afternoon's competitive race, the team displayed Honda's support for the Amy Gillett Foundation, riding in the Foundation's public ride event, Amy's Ride Geelong.

The 2011 Jayco Bay Crits will continue tomorrow with a race at Portarlington, followed by races at Geelong Eastern Beach and Williamstown on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Jayco Bay Criterium Series 2011

Date	Time	Location
Sunday, 2 January	1:30 PM	Eastern Park, Geelong
Monday, 3 January	1:20 PM	Little Reserve, Portarlington
Tuesday, 4 January	6:00 PM	Ritchie Boulevard, Geelong Eastern Beach
Wednesday, 5 January	2:20 PM	Nelson Street, Williamstown

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