



98th SCHELDEPRIJS

April 7

The Antwerp Great Market Square was full of spectators for the riders' presentation and it must be said that a lot of excellent cyclists were present at the start. The weather was very nice and sunny and everybody was in a good mood. And of course the riders too! Eight of them went in the early break: Niko Eeckhout, Gregory Joseph, Boucher, Ljung-blad, Hayman, Stewart, Lemoine and van Groen. In the final part of the race, the bunch speed was really fast and those eight guys were caught one by one. Because of a Spanish rider's swerving manoeuvre, Tom Boonen crashed on the *Vogelenzang* cobbles but he was all the same able to come back in the middle of the bunch and even of launching Wouter Weylandt's sprint. But Tyler Farrar was stronger than anybody else and he quite easily won ahead of Robbie McEwen, who took the second place for the third time. It is the first time an American rider won the Scheldeprijs.

ROADMAP

Antwerp, Great Market Square (official start), Schoten (official start), St. Job, Brecht, Wuustwezel, Loenhout, Hoogstraten, Meer, Meerle, Minderhout, Merksplas, Rijkevorsel, Beerse, Lille, Gierle, Lille, Kasterlee, Tielen, Herentals, Vorselaar, Grobbendonk, Zandhoven, Ranst, Schilde, Wijnegem, Schoten (157 km) and three local laps of 16 km, total 205 km.



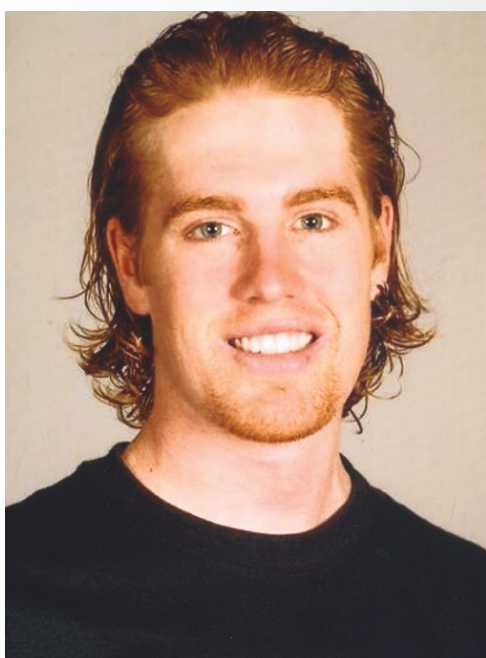
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RESULT

182 participants

1. Tyler Farrar (Usa), 205 km in 4h28m48s (45,865 km/h); 2. Robbie McEwen (Aus); 3. Robert Förster (Dui); 4. Greg Henderson (Nzl); 5. Wouter Weylandt; 6. Enrico Rossi (Ita); 7. Kris Boeckmans; 8. Jimmy Casper (Fra); 9. Lloyd Mondory (Fra); 10. Alexander Kristoff (Noo); 11. Kenny Dehaes; 12. Danilo Hondo (Dui); 13. Michael Van Staeyen; 14. Roy Sentjens; 15. Mark Renshaw (Aus);

16. Romain Feillu (Fra); 17. Baptiste Planckaert; 18. Tom Boonen; 19. Graeme Brown (Aus); 20. Javier Aramendia (Spa); 21. Daniele Colli (Ita); 22. André Greipel (Dui); 23. Borut Bozic (Slo); 24. Timothy Dupont; 25. Benjamin Verraes; 26. Kenny van Hummel (Ned); 27. Filippo Baggio (Ita); 28. Egidius Juodvalkis (Lit); 29. Saïd Haddou (Fra); 30. Sébastien Turgot (Fra); 31. Theo Bos (Ned); 32. Dominiek Klemme (Dui); 33. Tom Vanbecelaere; 34. Kevin Verwaest; 35. Stijn Devolder; 36. Steven Van Vooren; 37. Dirk Bellemakers (Ned); 38. Mathieu Claude (Fra); 39. Romain Matheou (Fra); 40. Kevin Neiryneck; 41. Adam Blythe (Gbr); 42. Mark Cassidy (Ier); 43. Steve Chainel (Fra); 44. Sébastien Hinault (Fra); 45. Rony Martias (Fra); 46. Jos van Emden (Ned); 47. Steven Kruijswijk (Ned); 48. Jonathan Bertrand; 49. Wilfried Cretskens; 50. Gerben Löwik (Ned); 51. Roger Hammond (Gbr); 52. Andreas Stauff (Dui); 53. Stéphane Poulhies (Fra); 54. Job Vissers (Ned); 55. Michaël Schär (Zwi); 56. Martin Köhler (Zwi); 57. Donato Cannone (Ita); 58. Geert Verheyen; 59. Thomas Fother (Dui); 60. Simon Zahner (Zwi); 61. Joeri Calleeuw; 62. Kenny Lisabeth; 63. Servais Knaven (Ned); 64. Mauro Da Dalto (Ita); 65. Kristof Goddaert; 66. Inaki Isasi (Spa); 67. Filippo Pozzato (Ita); 68. Gorik Gardeyn; 69. Christopher Sutton (Aus); 70. Michiel Elijzen (Ned); 71. Koen Barbé; 72. Robert Wagner (Dui); 73. Jean Zen (Fra); 74. Alexandre Pichot (Fra); 75. Yohann Gène (Fra); 76. Kirk Carlsen (Usa); 77. William Bonnet (Fra); 78. Gustav Larsson (Zwe); 79. Julian Dean (Nzl); 80. Geert Steurs; 81. Nikolas Maes; 82. Robin Chaigneau (Ned); 83. Laszlo Bodrogi (Fra); 84. Bobbie Traksel (Ned); 85. Bernhard Eisel (Oos); 86. Tom Stamsnijder (Ned); 87. Wim De Vocht; 88. Marco Velo (Ita); 89. Romain Sicard (Fra); 90. Edoardo Girardi (Ita); 91. Frank Hoj (Den); 92. Denis Galimzyanov (Rus); 93. Stuart O'Grady (Aus); 94. Matthew Goss (Aus); 95. Maxim Debusschere; 96. Rick Flens (Ned); 97. Baden Cooke (Aus); 98. Michael Barry (Can); 99. Leif Hoste; 100. Jonas Ljungblad (Zwe); 101. Tom Van den Haute; 102. Dennis van Winden (Ned); 103. Roy Curvers (Ned); 104. Ricardo van der Velde (Ned); 105. Gert Dockx; 106. Alessandro Maserati (Ita); 107. Danilo Wyss (Zwi); 108. Gabriel Rasch (Noo); 109. Thor Hushovd (Noo); 110. Steven De Neef; 111. Joaquin Novoa (Spa); 112. Martin Mortensen (Den); 113. Nick Nuyens; 114. Arnoud van Groen (Ned); 115. Bjorn Leukemans; 116. Maarten Wynants; 117. George Hincapie (Usa); 118. Stijn Neiryneck; 119. Kurt-Asle Arvesen (Noo); 120. Kasper Klostergaard (Den); 121. Ben Swift (Gbr); 122. Stijn Vandenbergh; 123. Björn Schröder (Dui); 124. Alessandro Petacchi (Ita); 125. Niki Terpstra (Ned); 126. Nicolas Rousseau (Fra); 127. Jeremy Hunt (Gbr); 128. Johan Vansummeren (Bel); 129. Mikhaylo Khalilov (Oek); 130. Nikolai Trusov (Rus); 131. Kevin Hulsmans; 132. Vitaliy Buts (Rus); 133. Ian Stannard (Gbr); 134. Juan Antonio Flecha (Spa); 135. Johnny Hoogerland (Ned); 136. Cyril Lemoine (Fra); 137. Matthew Brammeier (Ier); 138. David Boucher (Fra); 139. Steven Cozza (Usa); 140. Cheng Li (Chn); 141. Raivis Belohvosciks (Let); 142. Geert Omloop; 143. Staf Scheirlinckx; 144. Maxime Vantomme; 145. Fabrice Jeandesboz (Fra); 146. Niko Eeckhout; 147. Gregory Joseph; 148. Jurgen François; 149. Kenny Terweduwe; 150. Marcin Sapa (Pol); 151. Cédric Coutouly (Fra); 152. Damien Gaudin (Fra); 153. Mathew Hayman (Aus); 154. Alfredo Balloni (Ita); 155. Wim Stroetinga (Ned); 156. Lars Ytting Bak (Den); 157. Pieter Ghyllbert; 158. Vicente Reynes (Spa); 159. Julien Bérard (Fra); 160. Jonathan Castroviejo (Spa); 161. Adam Hansen (Aus); 162. Thomas De Gendt; 163. Danny Pate (Usa); 164. Brett Lancaster (Aus); 165. Rob Goris; 166. Jackson Stewart (Usa); 167. Steve Schets; 168. Davide Appollonio (Ita); 169. Han Feng (Chn); 170. Jon Long (Chn).



Tyler Farrar (° Wenatchee/Washington 02.06.1984)

After a brilliant youth career, Tyler becomes professional in 2006. He is fifth in Paris-Tours 2008. In 2009, he wins the 3rd stage of Tirreno-Adriatico, 3 stages in the EnecoTour, the 11th stage in the Vuelta and two stages plus the final classification of the Franco-Belge. In 2010, Tyler won a stage in De Panne's Three Days, the Scheldeprijs, two stages in the Giro, the Cyclassics Hamburg and two stages in the Vuelta. In 2011 he won the 3rd stage in the Tour.

René Vermeiren



99th SCHELDEPRIJS

April 6

The weather is really nice and sunny at the time 194 riders (25 teams, 33 nationalities) take the start of the 99th Scheldeprijs. Tour de France director Christian Prudhomme is one of the thousands of spectators presents on Antwerp Great Market Square that is packed with people. The early breakaway starts as soon as the official start is given in Schoten. David Boucher, Adriano Malori, Vladimir Isaichev, Baptiste Planckaert and Dieter Cappelle form that break. The maximum gap with the bunch reaches 5'15" but it then starts progressively decreasing and at km 179, in the last but one local lap, Adriano Malori, the only rider still in the lead, is also caught by the bunch. From that moment on, things go very fast. A few crashes take place, evidence of the nervousness present in the bunch. Tom Boonen is the victim of two punctures but he is each time able to come back in the bunch. Edvald Boasson-Hagen collides with a tree and breaks three ribs. In the final sprint, nobody is able to beat Mark Cavendish who wins the Scheldeprijs for the third time in three participations. A crash occurs behind him. Tyler Farrar and Wouter Weylandt are amongst the victims but they are fortunately not badly hurt. This is not Sjef De Wilde's case and there is concern that he is paralyzed. It is fortunately not the case. Sjef is taken to hospital but he is allowed to leave intensive cares after a few days and he recovers very quickly. Final sprint in Schoten is characterized by a crash. This happens for the second time in three years. This results in an inevitable controversy and the preparation of the 100th edition starts even earlier than usual.

ROADMAP

Antwerp, Great Market Square (officious start), Schoten (official start), St. Job, Brecht, Loenhout, Meer, Meerle, Hoogstraten, Minderhout, Wortel, Rijkevorsel, Beerse, Vlimmeren, Wechelderzande, Lille, Tielen, Lichtaart, Herentals, Poederlee, Vorselaar, Grobbendonk, Zandhoven, Ranst, Oelegem, Schilde, Wijnegem, Schoten (150,8 km) and three local laps of 16.4 km, totaal 200 km.



RESULT - 194 participants

1. Mark Cavendish (Gbr) 200 km in 4h29m57s (45,564 km/h); 2. Denis Galimzyanov (Rus); 3. Yauheni Hutarovitch (WRu); 4. Stefan van Dijk (Ned); 5. Robbie McEwen (Aus); 6. Francesco Chicchi (Ita); 7. Alexander Kristoff (Nor); 8. Theo Bos (Ned); 9. Frédérique Robert; 10. Kenny van Hummel (Ned); 11. Sébastien Turgot (Fra); 12. Romain Feillu (Fra); 13. Jimmy Casper (Fra); 14. Borut Bozic (Slo); 15. Laurens De Vreese;

16. Lloyd Mondory (Fra); 17. Michael Van Staeyen; 18. Giacomo Nizzolo (Ita); 19. Adam Blythe (Gbr); 20. Kévyln Ista; 21. Juan José Haedo (Arg); 22. Dmytro Krivtsov (Ukr); 23. Aidis Kruopis (Lit); 24. Kevin van Impe; 25. Maxime Van-tomme; 26. Fumiyuki Beppu (Jpn); 27. Ion Izaguirre (Spa); 28. Steven Caethoven; 29. Alex Rasmussen (Den); 30. Kenny Dehaes; 31. Mathew Hayman (Gbr); 32. Roger Kluge (Dui) at 12"; 33. Adrien Petit (Fra) at 14"; 34. Alessandro Donati (Ita); 35. Leigh Howard (Aus) at 17"; 36. Marcel Kittel (Dui) at 20"; 37. Frédéric Guesdon (Fra); 38. Eric Bau-mann (Dui); 39. Bjorn Selander (Usa); 40. Julien Bérard (Fra); 41. Kristof Goddaert; 42. Alexander Porsev (Rus); 43. Iljo Keisse; 44. Sven Vandousselaere; 45. David Veilleux (Can); 46. Pieter Vanspeybrouck; 47. Bobbie Traksel (Ned); 48. Bert De Backer; 49. Tom Stamsnijder (Ned); 50. Mathieu Claude (Fra); 51. Luke Roberts (Aus); 52. Gatis Smukulis (Let); 53. Daniel Sesma (Spa); 54. James Vanlandschoot; 55. Geoffrey Soupe (Fra); 56. Egidius Juodvalkis (Lit); 57. Gorik Gardeyn; 58. Javier Aramendia (Spa); 59. Saïd Haddou (Fra); 60. Rony Martias (Fra); 61. Benjamin King (Usa); 62. Mikhail Ignatiev (Rus); 63. Stijn Joseph; 64. Johan Coenen; 65. John Murphy (Usa) at 28"; 66. Simon Zahner (Zwi); 67. Francesco Di Paolo (Ita); 68. Roy Curvers (Ned); 69. Matti Helminen (Fin); 70. Steve Houanard (Fra); 71. Danilo Napolitano (Ita); 72. Bartosz Huzarski (Pol); 73. Kurt-Asle Arvesen (Nor); 74. Michaël Baer (Sui); 75. Gert Steegmans at 32"; 76. Frederik Veuchelen; 77. Geert Steurs; 78. Sébastien Minard (Fra); 79. Michaël Matthews (Aus); 80. Olivier Bonnaire (Fra); 81. Roger Hammond (Gbr); 82. Marcello Pavarin (Ita); 83. Michael Schär (Zwi); 84. Claudio Corioni (Ita); 85. Romain Lemarchand (Fra); 86. Adam Hansen (Den); 87. Alexandre Pichot (Fra); 88. Jempy Drucker (Lux); 89. Alberto Ongarato (Ita); 90. Stijn Devolder; 91. Gorka Izagirre (Spa); 92. Romain Mathéou (Fra); 93. Matteo Tossato (Ita) at 41"; 94. Greg Henderson (Nzl); 95. Vitaliy Kondrut (Ukr) at 45"; 96. William Bonnet (Fra); 97. Sébastien Rosse-ler at 47"; 98. Nikolay Trusov (Rus); 99. Alexander Mironov (Rus); 100. Dennis Van Winden (Ned); 101. Alan Perez (Spa) at 50"; 102. Miguel Minguez (Spa); 103. Hans Dekkers (Ned); 104. Vladimir Gusev (Rus) at 53"; 105. Sven Jodts; 106. Jonathan Castroviejo (Spa) at 55"; 107. Manuel Cardoso (Por); 108. Nelson Oliveira (Por); 109. Graeme Brown (Aus); 110. Jarl Salomein; 111. Steve Chainel (Fra); 112. Koen Barbé; 113. Pierre Cazaux (Fra); 114. Sebasti-an Lang (Dui); 115. Florent Barle (Cof); 116. Tom Boonen; 117. Yohann Gène (Fra); 118. Björn Leukemans at 1'; 119. Marcel Sieberg (Dui); 120. Cédric Pineau (Fra); 121. Damien Gaudin (Fra); 122. Ian Stannard (Gbr); 123. Sébastien Hinault (Fra); 124. Brett Lancaster (Aus); 125. Sébastien Chavanel (Fra); 126. Bradley Wiggins (Gbr); 127. Sam Bewley (Nzl); 128. Tom Slagter (Ned); 129. Matthauw Brammeier (Irl); 130. Leopold Konig (Tsj) at 1'16"; 131. Franti-sek Rabon (Tsj); 132. Coen Vermelfoort (Ned); 133. Arnoud van Groen (Ned) at 1'31"; 134. Andreas Schillinger (Dui) at 1'54"; 135. Heinrich Haussler (Aus); 136. Andreas Klier (Dui); 137. Maarten Neyens at 1'56"; 138. Michael Morkov (Den) at 2'01"; 139. Baden Cooke (Aus); 140. Robin Chaigneau (Ned) at 2'03"; 141. Bernhard Eisel (Oos) at 2'09"; 142. Albert Timmer (Ned) at 2'12"; 143. Jens Keukeleire; 144. Mathew Wilson (Aus) at 2'18"; 145. Sep Vanmarcke at 2'24"; 146. Christopher Sutton (Aus); 147. Juan Antonio Flecha (Spa) at 2'25"; 148. Jaroslaw Marycz (Pol) at 2'48"; 149. Leonardo Duque (Col) at 3'35"; 150. Stuart O'Grady (Aus); 151. Martin Mortensen (Den); 152. Rob Goris; 153. Jan Barta (Tsj); 154. Vladimir Isaichev (Rus) at 3'38"; 155. Kevin Peeters; 156. Rick Flens (Ned); 157. Dominic Klem-me (Dui) at 3'41"; 158. Fabian Cancellara (Zwi) at 4'03"; 159. Stéphane Poulhiès (Fra); 160. Cyril Lemoine (Fra) at 4'06"; 161. Kasper Klostergaard (Den) at 4'07"; 162. Martin Velits (Svk); 163. Balint Szeghalmi (Hon) at 4'17"; 164. Manuel Quinziano (Ita); 165. Andreas Dietziker (Zwi); 166. Thor Hushovd (Nor) at 6'11"; 167. Jonas Jørgensen (Den) at 8'11"; 168. Dieter Cappelle at 10'05"; 169. Michael Schwarzmann (Dui) at 10'14".



Mark Cavendish (°Laxey/Isle of Mann 21.05.1986)

The small, authoritarian Brit (professional cyclist 2005-2024) is the fastest sprinter of his generation, and one of the fastest in the whole cycling history. The Scheldeprijs 2007 was his first big victory. In the mean time he won it trice, as well as Milan-Sanremo (2009), the world championship (2011) and, thanks to a spectacular comeback in 2021, 35 stages in the Tour (record holder), 15 stages in the Giro d'Italia, 3 stages in the Vuelta, etc. He also won the points classification in all three of the grand tours (2010 Vuelta, 2011 and 2021 Tour, 2013 Giro).

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100th SCHELDEPRIJS

April 4

For the very first time, the start of the event is given at the well-known MAS in Antwerp. Many people are present to applaud the 189 riders who take the start of this festive 100th edition of the race. When the riders begin the last of the local laps, Kevin Hulsmans is the only rider left in the lead. He made part of a traditional long breakaway that started rather early. After the weather was nice and sunny during the entire day it suddenly starts raining hard and it is really difficult for the riders to avoid crashing. And several crashes occurred actually. Young German rider Marcel Kittel wins the sprint ahead of former winner Tyler Farrar and Theo Bos. The first Belgian rider is Tom Van Asbroeck who finishes the 13th.

ROADMAP Antwerp (MAS), Schoten, Brecht, Loenhout, Meer, Hoogstraten, Wortel, Rijkevorsel, Oostmalle, Vlimmeren, Wechelderzande, Lille, Tielen, Lichtaart, Poederlee, Herentals, Vorselaar, Grobbendonk, Zandhoven, Oelegem, Schilde, Wijnegem, Schoten (153 km) and three local laps of 16.4 km, totaal 202.2 km.



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RESULT

189 participants

1. Marcel Kittel (Dui), 202.2 km in 4h30m52s (44,745 km/u);
2. Tyler Farrar (Usa);
3. Theo Bos (Ned);
4. Romain Feillu (Fra);
5. Manuel Belletti (Ita);
6. Elia Favilli (Ita);
7. Alexander Porsev (Rus);
8. Sébastien Turgot (Fra);
9. Giacomo Nizzolo (Ita);
10. Guillaume Boivin (Can);
11. Matteo Trentin (Ita);
12. André Greipel (Dui);
13. Tom Van Asbroeck;
14. Jonathan Cantwell (Aus);
15. Christopher Sutton (Aus);

16. Victor Manakov (Rus); 17. Alexander Kristoff (Noo); 18. Rudiger Selig (Dui); 19. Michael Van Staeyen; 20. Kristof Goddaert; 21. Michael Schwarzmann (Dui); 22. Boy van Poppel (Ned); 23. Jacob Keough (Usa); 24. Mark Renshaw (Aus); 25. Kris Boeckmans; 26. Robert Hunter (Zaf) at 4"; 27. Stijn Neyrinck; 28. Blaz Jarc (Slo); 29. Tom Veelers (Ned); 30. Kenny van Hummel (Ned); 31. Gregory Rast (Zwi); 32. Maxime Vantomme; 33. Bert De Backer at 18"; 34. Martin Gilbert (Can); 35. Jonas Aaen Jørgensen (Den); 36. Jack Bauer (Nzl); 37. Matthias Friedemann (Dui) at 22"; 38. Matthew Haymann (Aus); 39. Rob Goris; 40. Andrea Guardini (Ita); 41. Reto Hollenstein (Zwi) at 38"; 42. Gregor Gazvoda (Slo); 43. Tosh Van der Sande; 44. Greg Henderson (Nzl); 45. Roger Kluge (Dui); 46. Yaroslav Popovych (Ukr) at 42"; 47. Ryan Anderson (Can); 48. James Vanlandschoot; 49. Jos van Emden (Ned); 50. Michael Morkov (Den); 51. Andreas Schillinger (Dui) at 49"; 52. Timon Seubert (Dui); 53. Sjef De Wilde; 54. Graeme Brown (Aus) at 53"; 55. Jelle Wallays at 1'04"; 56. Jeremy Hunt (Gbr); 57. Clinton Avery (Nzl); 58. Francesco Chicchi (Ita) op 1'09"; 59. Cristiano Benenati (Ita); 60. Kevin Lacombe (Can); 61. Leonardo Giordani (Ita); 62. Bernhard Eisel (Oos) at 1'32"; 63. Andreas Klier (Dui); 64. Borut Bozic (Slo) op 1'47"; 65. Marco Bandiera (Ita) at 2'03"; 66. Dmitiy Gruzdev (Kaz) at 2'35"; 67. Andy Cappelle; 68. Dirk Bellemakers (Ned); 69. Kevin Peeters; 70. Dmitriy Fofonov (Kaz); 71. Mart Ojavee (Est); 72. Aaron Kemps (Aus); 73. Barry Markus (Ned); 74. Valentin Iglinsky (Kaz); 75. Etienne Tortelier (Fra); 76. Tomas Vaitkus (Lit); 77. Frederique Robert; 78. Jens Debusschere; 79. Kasper Klostergaard (Den) at 2'46"; 80. Martin Mortensen (Den); 81. Luke Roberts (Aus); 82. Baptiste Planckaert; 83. Christophe Laborie (Fra); 84. Dennis van Winden (Ned); 85. Tom Leezer (Ned); 86. Steve Houanard (Fra); 87. Lloyd Mondory (Fra) at 2'53"; 88. Stéphane Poulhiès (Fra); 89. Nikita Eskov (Rus) at 3'05"; 90. Jens Keukeleire at 3'07"; 91. Frederik Veuchelen at 3'22"; 92. Juan Antonio Flecha (Spa) at 3'30"; 93. Mickaël Delage (Fra) at 3'39"; 94. William Bonnet (Fra); 95. Sven Jodts at 3'57"; 96. David Boucher (Fra); 97. Joeri Beuken; 98. Kenny Dehaes; 99. Jay Thomson (Zaf); 100. Alexander Mironov (Rus); 101. Ryan Roth (Can); 102. Stefan van Dijk (Ned); 103. Kurt Hovelynck; 104. Hayden Roulston (Nzl); 105. Thomas Bertolini (Ita); 106. Roberto De Patre (Ita) at 4'04"; 107. Bradley White (Usa) at 4'06"; 108. Philip Deignan (Irl); 109. Ronan van Zandbeek (Ned); 110. Albert Timmer (Ned); 111. Steve Chainel (Fra); 112. Kevin Van Melsen; 113. Gert Dockx; 114. Jetse Bol (Ned); 115. Coen Vermeltfoort (Ned); 116. Simon Lambert-Lemay (Can); 117. Rony Martias (Fra); 118. Arnoud van Groen (Ned); 119. Hugo Houle (Can); 120. Kun Jiang (Chn); 121. Kevin Hulsmans; 122. Dmitry Kozontchuk (Rus); 123. Pier Paolo De Negri (Ita); 124. Matvey Zubov (Rus); 125. Joost Posthuma (Ned); 126. Romain Lemarchand (Fra); 127. Artem Ovechkin (Rus); 128. Stijn Vandenbergh; 129. Guillaume Van Keirsbulck; 130. Tom Boonen; 131. Gert Steegmans; 132. Kevin Claeys; 133. Koen Barbé; 134. Laurent Mangel (Fra); 135. Sven Vandousselaere; 136. Matteo Tossato (Ita); 137. Serguei Klimov (Rus); 138. Steven Van Vooren; 139. Christian Knees (Dui); 140. Markus Eichler (Dui); 141. Frédéric Guesdon (Fra); 142. Sébastien Chavanel (Fra); 143. Aliaksandr Kuschynski (WRu); 144. Saïd Haddou (Fra); 145. Daniele Bennati (Ita); 146. Damien Gaudin (Fra); 147. Alexandre Pichot (Fra); 148. Tony Gallopin (Fra); 149. Nikolas Maes; 150. Leif Hoste at 4'31"; 151. Grischa Janorschke (Dui) at 6'07"; 152. Jens Mouris (Ned) at 6'10"; 153. Lucas Sebastian Haedo (Arg) at 6'24"; 154. Mathieu Claude (Fra) at 6'52"; 155. Jonathan Breyne at 8'36"; 156. Kin San Wu (Hkg) at 8'45"; 157. Will Routley (Can) at 9'25"; 158. Marc de Maar (Nat) at 9'31"; 159. Anuar Manan (Mas) at 9'47".



Marcel KITTEL

(°Arnstadt 11.05.1988)

The young Kittel is a great talent. He became European Time Trial Champion with the promises in 2009. In 2011 he became a professional and won 18 (!) races: a stage in the Vuelta, in the Tour of Poland and four stages in the Four Days of Dunkirk. This Scheldeprijs is already his fifth season victory! After Didi Thurau (1978) and Erik Zabel (1997), Kittel is the third German on the honors list.

René Vermeiren



101st SCHELDEPRIJS

April 3

It is actually freezing when the 193 participants in the 101st Scheldeprijs take the start of the race in front of the MAS in Antwerp. Previously three-time winner and till then unbeaten Mark Cavendish admired the beautiful diamond awarded to the winner of that Scheldeprijs later in the afternoon in Schoten. Nine riders go very soon in the break (Rast, Brammeier, Ojavee, Venter, Vanbilsen, Borch, Kamyshev, Jensen and Barbé) but the gap with the bunch is never really big. After 50 km racing, the bunch breaks into several packs but after Cancellara and Eisel crashed, fortunately without much damage, the race becomes quieter. Later Sven Vandousselaere, Matthew Brammeier and Stefano Borch also attack. They take up to 3 minutes ahead but they are caught up in Schoten. Massive sprint in inevitable and Marcel Kittel is the fastest. A disappointed Mark Cavendish takes two. He looks for comfort from Peta Todd (his future wife) and that same day one year old daughter Delilah Grace.

ROADMAP Antwerp MAS (official start), Schoten (official start), St. Job, Brecht, Wuustwezel, Loenhout, Hoogstraten, Meer, Meerle, Minderhout, Merksplas, Rijkevorsel, Beerse, Lille, Gierle, Lille, Kasterlee, Tielen, Herentals, Vorselaar, Grobbendonk, Zandhoven, Ranst, Schilde, Wijnegem, Schoten (155 km) and three local laps of 16.4 km, total 204.2 km.



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RESULT - 193 participants

1. Kittel Marcel (Ger) 204.2km in 4.42.20; 2. Cavendish Mark (Gbr); 3. Markus Barry (Ned); 4. Guardini Andrea (Ita); 5. Kristoff Alexander (Nor); 6. Farrar Tyler (Usa); 7. Dehaes Kenny (Bel); 8. Bos Theo (Ned); 9. Feillu Romain (Fra); 10. Van Staeyen Michaël (Bel); 11. Rojas Gil Jose Joaquin (Esp); 12. Turgot Sébastien (Fra); 13. Planckaert Baptiste (Bel); 14. Hutarovich Yauheni (Blr); 15. Cantwell Jonathan (Aus);

16. Hovelijnck Kurt (Bel); 17. Jans Roy (Bel); 18. Schwarzmann Michael (Ger); 19. Maikin Roman (Rus); 20. Stauff Andreas (Ger); 21. De Negri Pier Paolo (Ita); 22. Serebryakov Alexander (Rus); 23. van Hummel Kenny Robert (Ned); 24. Garcia Ambroa Ricardo (Esp); 25. Mcevoy Jonathan (Gbr); 26. Reguigui Youcef (Alg); 27. Claeys Kevin (Bel); 28. Demare Arnaud (Fra); 29. Tamouridis Ioannis (Gre); 30. Sutton Christopher (Aus); 31. Merlo Michele (Ita); 32. Thureau Bjorn (Ger); 33. Avery Clinton Robert (Nzl); 34. Caethoven Steven (Bel); 35. Downing Russell (Gbr); 36. Bilbao Peio (Esp); 37. Bauer Jack (Nzl); 38. Keough Jacobe (Usa); 39. Tleubayev Ruslan (Kaz); 40. Boucher David (Fra); 41. De Patre Roberto (Ita); 42. Chainel Steve (Fra); 43. Matzka Ralf (Ger); 44. Steegmans Gert (Bel); 45. Boev Igor (Rus); 46. Mertens Tim (Bel); 47. Teruel Rovira Eloy (Esp); 48. Keisse Iljo (Bel); 49. Mol Wouter (Ned); 50. Rosseler Sebastien (Bel); 51. Curvers Roy (Ned); 52. Steels Stijn (Bel); 53. Selig Rudiger (Ger); 54. Ventoso Alberdi Francisco José (Esp); 55. Herrada Lopez Jesus (Esp); 56. Kluge Roger (Ger); 57. Soupe Geoffrey (Fra); 58. Haller Marco (Aut); 59. Oroz Ugalde Juan Jose (Esp); 60. Peeters Kevin (Bel); 61. Bueken Joeri (Bel); 62. Gutierrez Palacios José Ivan (Esp); 63. Erviti Ollo Imanol (Esp); 64. Le Bon Johan (Fra); 65. Henderson Greg (Nzl); 66. De Backer Bert (Bel); 67. Van Keirsbulck Guillaume (Bel); 68. Kamyshev Arman (Kaz); 69. Lamoisson Morgan (Fra); 70. Van Der Sande Tosh (Bel); 71. Clarke William (Aus); 72. Flecha Giannoni Juan Antonio (Esp) at 8"; 73. Veilleux David (Can); 74. Offredo Yoann (Fra); 75. Delage Mickael (Fra); 76. Radochla Steffen (Ger); 77. Willems Frederik (Bel); 78. Popovych Yaroslav (Ukr); 79. Veelers Tom (Ned); 80. Klier Andreas (Ger); 81. Maes Nikolas (Bel); 82. Velits Martin (Svk); 83. Van Hoecke Gijs (Bel); 84. Lampaert Yves (Bel); 85. Bazzana Alessandro (Ita); 86. Irizar Aranburu Markel (Esp); 87. Gusev Vladimir (Rus); 88. Reimer Martin (Ger); 89. Hulsmans Kevin (Bel); 90. Renshaw Mark (Aus); 91. Leukemans Bjorn (Bel); 92. Salomein Jarl (Bel) at 24"; 93. Bonnet William (Fra); 94. Eichler Markus (Ger); 95. Andriato Rafael (Bra); 96. Guarneri Jacopo (Ita); 97. Jones Christopher (Usa); 98. Vanbilsen Kenneth (Bel); 99. De Buyst Jasper (Bel); 100. Miletta Luigi (Ita); 101. Neyens Maarten (Bel); 102. Schillinger Andreas (Ger); 103. Sinkeldam Ramon (Ned); 104. Arndt Nikias (Ger); 105. Van Genechten Jonas (Bel); 106. Gene Yohann (Fra); 107. Hayman Mathew (Aus) at 33"; 108. Bazayev Assan (Kaz) at 44"; 109. Boeckmans Kris (Bel) at 46"; 110. Scheirlinckx Staf (Bel); 111. Houle Hugo (Can); 112. Rast Grégory (Sui); 113. Maaskant Martijn (Ned); 114. Jörgensen Jonas Aaen (Den); 115. Kreder Raymond (Ned); 116. van Poppel Danny (Ned); 117. Hofland Moreno (Ned); 118. Devolder Stijn (Bel); 119. Eisel Bernhard (Aut); 120. Breschel Matti (Den); 121. Bagdonas Gedimias (Ltu); 122. Tosatto Matteo (Ita); 123. Kuznetsov Viacheslav (Rus); 124. Puccio Salvatore (Ita); 125. Huffman Evan (Usa); 126. Belletti Manuel (Ita); 127. Louder Jeffry (Usa); 128. Isaichev Vladimir (Rus); 129. Thomas Geraint (Gbr); 130. Roulston Hayden (Nzl); 131. Paolini Luca (Ita); 132. Rowsell Erick (Gbr); 133. Barbe Koen (Bel); 134. Rowe Luke (Gbr); 135. Robert Frederique (Bel); 136. Vandenberg Stijn (Bel); 137. Murphy John (Usa) at 1'06"; 138. Morkov Michael (Den) at 1'30"; 139. Lund Anders (Den); 140. Iglinskiy Valentin (Kaz) at 1'31"; 141. Ojavee Mart (Est); 142. Timmer Albert (Ned); 143. Gilbert Jérôme (Bel) at 1'51"; 144. Manakov Viktor (Rus) at 1'55"; 145. Savitskiy Ivan (Rus); 146. Rathe Jacob (Usa); 147. Schnaidt Fabian (Ger); 148. Rybakov Alexander (Rus); 149. Saez Adrian (Esp); 150. Appollonio Davide (Ita) at 1'57"; 151. Dowsett Alex (Gbr); 152. Wagner Robert Thomas (Ger) at 2'15"; 153. Brown Graeme (Aus); 154. van Emden Jos (Ned); 155. Borchio Stefano (Ita) at 2'28"; 156. Vanmarcke Sep (Bel); 157. Venter Jacobus (Rsa); 158. Day Benjamin (Aus); 159. Brammeier Matt (Irl); 160. Wu Kin San (Hkg); 161. Klimov Sergey (Rus); 162. Solomennikov Andrei (Rus); 163. Chavanel Sébastien (Fra); 164. Flens Rick (Ned); 165. Gaudin Damien (Fra); 166. Juul Jensen Christopher (Den)



Marcel Kittel (°Arnstadt 11.05.1988)

rides and wins his second Scheldeprijs. The 25-year-old German adonis is without doubt one of the fastest in his generation and beats Mark Cavendish for the very first time. In 2012 he won 13x, in 2011 he was 18x successful and it is expected that 2013 will be very successful again. This spring he won a stage in Paris-Nice but his big goal is to win at least one stage in the Tour

René Vermeiren



102nd SCHELDEPRIJS

April 9

Spring mild temperatures welcome 182 riders at the start of the 102nd old Antwerp Classic at the MAS. Many spectators, a nice ambiance: what is necessary to create a festive atmosphere! 92 years old René Mertens, a former winner and an honour guest, is also present at the start. He in fact would never miss the Scheldeprijs. He is on the sidewalk waiting for the start when he is the victim of a heart attack. He does not survive. « The best place for René to say goodbye », tell his friends. A minute of silence is observed in memory of the winner of the 1947 edition. The race unfolds smoothly and is also very fast. Six riders go very early in the break and almost go to the finish (from km 5 to km 197!): Luke Rowe, Jan Ghyselink, Ivan Balykin, Andrea Fedi, Alessandro Bazzana and Dimitriy Gruzdev. But the race finishes anyway with the traditional and unavoidable massive sprint. Without Cavendish (ill after Milan-Sanremo) at the start, Marcel Kittel has all the advantages on his side. The German wins very easily for the third time in a row. Thanks to that victory he tied Peet Oellibrandt and Mark Cavendish's record.

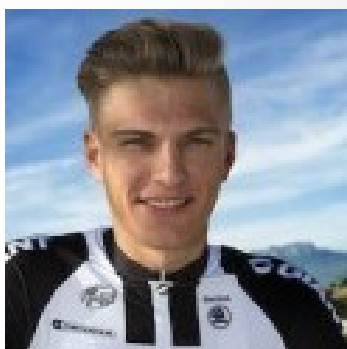
ROADMAP Antwerp (MAS), Merksem, Schoten, Sint-Job, Brecht, Loenhout, Meer, Minderhout, Hoogstraten, Wortel, Rijkevorsel, Beerse, Vlimmeren, Lille, Kasterlee, Tielen, Lichtaart, Herentals, Poederlee, Vorselaar, Grobbendonk, Pulle, Pulderbos, Zandhoven, Ranst, Oelegem, Schilde, Wijnegem, Schoten (151.7 km) and three local laps of 16.4 km, total 200.9 km.



RESULT

182 participants

1. Kittel Marcel (Ger) 200.9 km in 04.33.53; 2. Farrar Tyler (Usa) at 00.00; 3. van Poppel Danny (Ned); 4. Petacchi Alessandro (Ita); 5. Bennett Sam (Irl); 6. Appollonio Davide (Ita); 7. Napolitano Danilo (Ita); 8. Guardini Andrea (Ita); 9. Martinez Yannick (Fra); 10. Pelucchi Matteo (Ita); 11. van Hummel Kenny Robert (Ned); 12. Van Asbroeck Tom (Bel); 13. Chicchi Francesco (Ita); 14. Krasnov Leonid (Rus); 15. Kristoff Alexander (Nor); 16. Dehaes Kenny (Bel); 17. Robert Frederique (Bel); 18. Petit Adrien (Fra); 19. Van Staeyen Michael (Bel); 20. Bos Theo (Ned); 21. Demare Arnaud (Fra); 22. Summerhill Daniel (Usa); 23. Stauff Andreas (Ger); 24. Tleubayev Ruslan (Kaz); 25. Steegmans Gert (Bel); 26. Maikin Roman (Rus); 27. Lander Sebastian (Den); 28. Cammaerts Edwig (Bel); 29. Bagdonas Gediminas (Ltu); 30. Von Hoff Steele (Aus); 31. Murphy John (Usa); 32. Bauer Jack (Nzl); 33. Hanson Ken (Usa); 34. Ershov Artur (Rus); 35. Hofland Moreno (Ned); 36. Salomein Jarl (Bel); 37. Hinault Sébastien (Fra); 38. Ista Kevin (Bel); 39. Markus Barry (Ned); 40. Turgot Sébastien (Fra); 41. Irizar Aranburu Markel (Esp); 42. Viviani Elia (Ita); 43. Brown Graeme (Aus); 44. Selig Rudiger (Ger) at 00.09; 45. Sinkeldam Ramon (Ned) at 00.11; 46. Reynes Mimo Vicente (Esp) at 00.15; 47. Keough Luke (Usa); 48. De Backer Bert (Bel); 49. Hansen Lasse Norman (Den); 50. Koren Kristijan (Slo); 51. Vangenechten Jonas (Bel); 52. Fenn Andrew (Gbr); 53. Colli Daniele (Ita); 54. De Patre Roberto (Ita) at 00.21; 55. van der Lijke Nicky (Ned) at 00.22; 56. Fominykh Daniil (Kaz); 57. Barta Jan (Cze) at 00.25; 58. Poulhies Stéphane (Fra); 59. Marangoni Alan (Ita) at 00.27; 60. Cecchinello Giorgio (Ita); 61. Dillier Silvan (Sui); 62. Duchesne Antoine (Can); 63. Daniel Maxime (Fra); 64. Maaskant Martijn (Ned); 65. Pichot Alexandre (Fra); 66. Rodriguez Jackson (Ven); 67. Sabatini Fabio (Ita); 68. Delage Mickael (Fra); 69. Drucker Jean-Pierre (Lux); 70. Sagan Peter (Svk); 71. Bonnet William (Fra); 72. Van Melsen Kevin (Bel); 73. Kuznetsov Viacheslav (Rus); 74. Aregger Marcel (Sui); 75. Henderson Greg (Nzl); 76. Hushovd Thor (Nor); 77. Rasch Gabriel (Nor); 78. Gruzdev Dmitriy (Kaz); 79. Bozic Borut (Slo); 80. Longo Borghini Paolo (Ita); 81. Matzka Ralf (Ger); 82. Wyss Danilo (Sui); 83. Vallee Boris (Bel); 84. Boonen Tom (Bel); 85. Kreder Wesley (Ned); 86. Quinziano Manuel (Ita); 87. Lang Pirmin (Sui); 88. Van Hecke Preben (Bel); 89. Van Avermaet Greg (Bel); 90. Sergent Jesse (Nzl); 91. Kuchynski Aliaksandr (Blr); 92. Bodnar Maciej (Pol); 93. Roulston Hayden (Nzl); 94. Boeckmans Kris (Bel); 95. Miletta Luigi (Ita); 96. Jarc Blaz (Slo); 97. Testi Nicola (Ita); 98. Vandenberg Stijn (Bel); 99. Klemme Dominic (Ger); 100. Breen Vegard (Nor); 101. Dempster Zakkari (Aus); 102. Boom Lars (Ned); 103. Houle Hugo (Can) at 00.37; 104. Sieberg Marcel (Ger) at 00.40; 105. Schillinger Andreas (Ger); 106. Arndt Nikias (Ger) at 00.55; 107. Declercq Tim (Bel) at 00.59; 108. Vanbilsen Kenneth (Bel); 109. Eisel Bernhard (Aut); 110. Kreder Raymond (Ned); 111. Förster Robert (Ger); 112. Curvers Roy (Ned) at 01.15; 113. Velits Martin (Svk) at 01.27; 114. Trentin Matteo (Ita); 115. Renshaw Mark (Aus); 116. Smukulis Gatis (Lat); 117. Fedi Andrea (Ita) at 01.38; 118. Bazzana Alessandro (Ita); 119. van Baarle Dylan (Ned) at 01.42; 120. Millar David (Gbr); 121. Cancellara Fabian (Sui); 122. Thwaites Scott (Gbr) at 01.58; 123. Balykin Ivan (Ita) at 02.01; 124. Steels Stijn (Bel) at 02.14; 125. Rowe Luke (Gbr); 126. Ghyselincq Jan (Bel) at 02.28; 127. Lemoine Cyril (Fra) at 03.27; 128. Timmer Albert (Ned); 129. Boucher David (Fra) at 04.32; 130. Parrinello Antonio (Ita); 131. Iglinskiy Valentin (Kaz); 132. Wesemann Martin (Rsa); 133. Offredo Yoann (Fra); 134. Conti Samuele (Ita); 135. Fischer Murilo Antonio (Bra); 136. Vanspeybrouck Pieter (Bel); 137. Tatarinov Gennady (Rus); 138. Schär Michael (Sui); 139. Klimov Sergey (Rus); 140. Serov Alexander (Rus); 141. Boasson Hagen Edvald (Nor); 142. Thomas Geraint (Gbr); 143. King Edward (Usa) at 04.45; 144. Jones Christopher (Usa); 145. Songezo Jim (Rsa); 146. De Bie Sean (Bel); 147. Firsanov Sergey (Rus); 148. Garcia Echeguibel Egoitz (Esp); 149. Huffman Evan (Usa); 150. Knees Christian (Ger); 151. Ji Cheng (Chn); 152. Isaichev Vladimir (Rus); 153. Nuyens Nick (Bel) at 04.49; 154. Vanmarcke Sep (Bel); 155. Pozzo Mattia (Ita); 156. Chainel Steve (Fra); 157. Wiggins Bradley (Gbr); 158. Debesay Abrha Ferekalsi (Eri); 159. Joeaar Gert (Est); 160. Leukemans Björn (Bel); 161. Sijmens Nico (Bel); 162. Bandiera Marco (Ita); 163. Zordan Andrea (Ita); 164. Jerome Vincent (Fra); 165. Lecuisinier Pierre-Henri (Fra); 166. Paolini Luca (Ita); 167. Gene Yohann (Fra); 168. Thurau Bjorn (Ger); 169. Cousin Jerome (Fra); 170. Engoulvent Jimmy (Fra); 171. Gaudin Damien (Fra); 172. Gusev Vladimir (Rus); 173. Reimer Martin (Ger)



Marcel KITTEL
(°Arnstadt 11.05.1988)

rides and wins all his third Scheldeprijs in a row. Nobody did better and he is directly co-record holder with Peet Oellibrandt and Mark Cavendish. The German is currently the best sprinter in the peloton. Last year he won 21x and now it is already the sixth season victory!

René Vermeiren



103rd SCHELDEPRIJS

April 8

Many people were present at the start of the 103rd Scheldeprijs that was traditionally given at the Antwerp Mas, under an early spring sunshine. For various reasons, however, former winners Kittel and Cavendish were absent, as well as German colossus André Greipel. The breakaway of the day started after about 30 km with Belgians Backaert, Vanbilsen and De Vreese, Frenchman Jérôme, Italian Busato, Dutchman Duijn and American Putt. The main pack never let the gap exceed 4'30" and it was rather quickly reduced to less than three minutes. The bunch significantly increased its speed in the local laps. Laurens De Vreese and Huub Duijn attacked on the cobblestones of the Broekstraat but they were rapidly caught and the pack was all together again at 5 km from the finish. The preparation of the sprint was really hectic and, amongst other incidents, an inflatable advertising arch almost collapsed. Everything went then wrong at about 800 m from the finishing line. Italian Guardini tried to pass between two riders but there was no space enough and he made Tom Van Asbroeck crash. Half of the peloton was scattered on the tarmac of Churchill Avenue. Meanwhile a small group headed till the finishing line and Alexander Kristoff won his sixth race in eight days (Tour of Flanders and three stages more the final ranking of the Three Days of De Panne).

ROADMAP Antwerp (MAS), Merksem, Schoten, Brecht, Sint Job, Loenhout, Meer, Meerle, Minderhout, Hoogstraten, Wortel, Rijkevorsel, Beerse, Vlimmeren, Wechelderzande, Lille, Kasterlee, Tielen, Lichtaart, Herentals, Poederlee, Vorselaar, Grobbendonk, Zandhoven, Ranst, Oelegem, Schilde, Wijnegem, Schoten (150.8 km) and three local laps of 16.4 km, total 200 km.



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RESULT

189 participants

1 Kristoff Alexander (Nor) 200km in 04.30.00; 2 Theuns Edward (Bel) at 00.00; 3 Hutarovich Yauheni (Blr); 4 Sarreau Marc (Fra); 5 van Poppel Danny (Ned); 6 Trentin Matteo (Ita); 7 Marini Nicolas (Ita); 8 Van Staeyen Michael (Bel); 9 Farrar Tyler (Usa); 10 Pfingsten Christoph (Ger); 11 Vallee Boris (Bel); 12 Petacchi Alessandro (Ita); 13 Eisel Bernhard (Aut); 14 Murphy John (Usa); 15 Delage Mickael (Fra) at 00.08;

16 Salomein Jarl (Bel) at 00.11; 17 Renshaw Mark (Aus); 18 Le Gac Olivier (Fra) at 00.17; 19 Guarnieri Jacopo (Ita) at 00.24; 20 Skjerping Kristoffer (Nor); 21 Devriendt Tom (Bel); 22 Chicchi Francesco (Ita); 23 Van Hoecke Gijs (Bel); 24 Van Meirhaeghe Jef (Bel); 25 Markus Barry (Ned); 26 Stuyven Jasper (Bel); 27 Matzka Ralf (Ger); 28 Zangerle Joel (Lux) at 00.31; 29 Looij André (Ned) at 00.38; 30 Naesen Oliver (Bel); 31 Bos Theo (Ned) at 00.42; 32 Summerhill Daniel (Usa); 33 Boulo Matthieu (Fra); 34 Boucher David (Fra); 35 Malaguti Alessandro (Ita); 36 Geniez Alexandre (Fra); 37 Bagdonas Gediminas (Ltu); 38 Laborie Christophe (Fra); 39 Haller Marco (Aut) at 00.47; 40 Dempster Zakkari (Aus); 41 De Vreese Laurens (Bel) at 00.53; 42 De Backer Bert (Bel) at 00.56; 43 Irizar Aranburu Markel (Esp); 44 Kreder Wesley (Ned); 45 Vandenberg Stijn (Bel) at 01.03; 46 De Gendt Thomas (Bel) at 01.06; 47 Bak Lars Ytting (Den); 48 Houle Hugo (Can) at 01.09; 49 Mortensen Martin (Den) at 01.16; 50 Leukemans Björn (Bel); 51 Bozic Borut (Slo); 52 Joeaar Gert (Est); 53 Vanendert Dennis (Bel); 54 Declercq Tim (Bel); 55 Asselman Jesper (Ned); 56 Hnik Karel (Cze); 57 Bazzana Alessandro (Ita); 58 De Buyst Jasper (Bel) at 01.23; 59 Van Keirsbulck Guillaume (Bel) at 01.23; 60 Rast Grégory (Sui); 61 Henderson Greg (Nzl); 62 Stamsnijder Tom (Ned); 63 Bauhaus Phil (Ger); 64 Fischer Murilo Antonio (Bra); 65 Tleubayev Ruslan (Kaz); 66 Goss Matthew Harley (Aus) at 01.29; 67 Janse Van Rensburg Reinardt (Rsa); 68 Morkov Michael (Den) at 01.32; 69 Stacchiotti Riccardo (Ita); 70 Bodnar Maciej (Pol); 71 Stybar Zdenek (Cze); 72 Sagan Peter (Svk); 73 Roulston Hayden (Nzl); 74 Viola Antonio (Ita) at 01.43; 75 Puccio Salvatore (Ita); 76 Porsev Alexander (Rus) at 01.46; 77 Paolini Luca (Ita); 78 Curvers Roy (Ned) at 01.49; 79 Van Summeren Johan (Bel); 80 Kerkhof Tim (Ned); 81 van Ginneken Sjoerd (Ned); 82 Brutt Pavel (Rus); 83 Steels Stijn (Bel); 84 Vanlandschoot James (Bel); 85 Courteille Arnaud (Fra); 86 Zhupa Eugert (Alb); 87 Sabatini Fabio (Ita); 88 Frattini Davide (Ita); 89 Vanspeybrouck Pieter (Bel) at 01.59; 90 Frapporti Marco (Ita) at 02.05; 91 Taborre Fabio (Ita); 92 Brun Frédéric (Fra); 93 Senechal Florian (Fra); 94 Morice Julien (Fra); 95 Kirsch Alex (Lux); 96 Devolder Stijn (Bel); 97 Steegmans Gert (Bel); 98 van Baarle Dylan (Ned); 99 King Edward (Usa); 100 Antonini Simone (Ita) at 02.12; 101 Dougall Nick (Rsa) at 02.16; 102 Maes Nikolas (Bel) at 02.18; 103 Ayazbayev Maxat (Kaz); 104 Tosatto Matteo (Ita) at 02.32; 105 Fominykh Daniil (Kaz); 106 Backaert Frederik (Bel); 107 Schillinger Andreas (Ger); 108 Kuroeda Shiki (Jpn) at 02.35; 109 Gruzdev Dmitriy (Kaz); 110 Waeytens Zico (Bel) at 02.39; 111 Lampaert Yves (Bel); 112 Langeveld Sebastian (Ned); 113 Jones Christopher (Usa); 114 van der Haar Lars (Ned); 115 Marangoni Alan (Ita) at 02.45; 116 Bauer Jack (Nzl) at 03.02; 117 van Goethem Brian (Ned) at 03.11; 118 Duijn Huub (Ned); 119 Groenewegen Dylan (Ned); 120 Timmer Albert (Ned) at 03.23; 121 Arndt Nikias (Ger); 122 Bandiera Marco (Ita) at 03.26; 123 Wynants Maarten (Bel); 124 Nardin Alberto (Ita); 125 Smukulis Gatis (Lat); 126 Svendgaard Michael Carbel (Den); 127 Guardini Andrea (Ita); 128 Putt Tanner (Usa); 129 Zepuntke Ruben (Ger); 130 Brammeier Matt (Irl); 131 Hansen Lasse Norman (Den); 132 Seynaeve Lander (Bel); 133 Veuchelen Frederik (Bel); 134 Perichon Pierre-Luc (Fra) at 03.40; 135 Sinkeldam Ramon (Ned) at 03.57; 136 Tjallingii Maarten (Ned); 137 Thomson Jay Robert (Rsa); 138 Boom Lars (Ned); 139 Stauff Andreas (Ger); 140 Wagner Robert (Ger); 141 Juul Jensen Christopher (Den); 142 Wiggins Bradley (Gbr) at 04.04; 143 Martinez Yannick (Fra) at 04.12; 144 Popovych Yaroslav (Ukr); 145 Duchesne Antoine (Can); 146 Gene Yohann (Fra); 147 Engoulvent Jimmy (Fra); 148 Pozzo Mattia (Ita); 149 Petit Adrien (Fra) at 04.18; 150 Vanbilsen Kenneth (Bel); 151 Rowe Luke (Gbr); 152 Thomas Geraint (Gbr); 153 Stannard Ian (Gbr); 154 Ledanois Kevin (Fra); 155 Kuznetsov Viacheslav (Rus); 156 Schwarzmann Michael (Ger) at 04.25; 157 Archbold Shane (Nzl); 158 Fenn Andrew (Gbr) at 04.36; 159 Gougard Alexis (Fra) at 04.50; 160 Pedersen Mads (Den) at 05.22; 161 Lamoisson Morgan (Fra); 162 Vanmarcke Sep (Bel); 163 Busato Matteo (Ita) at 05.33; 164 Selig Rudiger (Ger) at 05.36; 165 Conti Samuele (Ita); 166 Bernaudeau Giovanni (Fra); 167 Padour Frantisek (Cze); 168 Dockx Gert (Bel); 169 Quaade Rasmus Christian (Den); 170 Yamamoto Genki (Jpn); 171 Minard Sébastien (Fra) at 05.45



Alexander KRISTOFF

(°Oslo 05.07.1987)

This season, the Norwegian wins really all or at least about: 3 stages in the Tour of Qatar, 1 stage in the Tour of Oman and Paris-Nice, three stages in the Three Days of De Panne + the final classification, the Tour of Flanders and the Scheldeprijs. Where does this end?

Last year he won Milan-Sanremo and two Tour stages. Kristoff is a professional since 2010.

René Vermeiren



104th SCHELDEPRIJS

April 6

It's cold and windy for the 162 riders at the start of the 104e Scheldeprijs at the MAS in Antwerpen To enhance the safety of the riders the organization reduced the number of teams to 22 (before 25) and added some curves in the last kilometers ahead of the finish at the Churchillaan.

After 15 km six riders break away from the peloton: Lieuwe Westra, Beren De Vries, Steve Tronet (France champion), Sander Helven, Nico Denz and Tomasz Kiendys. The peloton does not react. Jérôme Baugnies counterattacks, but without success.

The peloton controls the race and never allows the lead of the six in the front to become more than 5 or 6 minutes. Before reaching Schoten the peloton catches up with the riders in-front and a complete peloton starts on the final three local laps. One-by-one Frederik Backaert, Brian van Goethem, Preben Van Hecke (Belgium champion), Sébastien Turgot, Enrique Sanz, Maxime Cam and Nikolay Mihaylov attack, but it becomes clear that a group sprint will be inevitable.

Marcel Kittel is the fastest ahead of Mark Cavendish and André Greipel. Edward Theuns, second last year, ends in fourth place and becomes the first Belgium rider. Marcel Kittel now is the sole record keeper of the Scheldeprijs with a total of four victories.

Noteworthy is the fact that not one crash was recorded during the race.

ROADMAP Antwerp (MAS), Merksem, Schoten, Brecht, Sint Job, Brasschaat, Brecht, Loenhout, Meer, Meerle, Minderhout, Hoogstraten, Wortel, Rijkevorsel, Beerse, Vlimmeren, Lille, Kasterlee, Tielen, Lichtaart, Herentals, Poederlee, Vorselaar, Grobbendonk, Zandhoven, Ranst, Oelegem, Schilde, Wijnegem, Schoten (157.4 km) and three local laps of 16.8 km, total 207.8 km.



RESULT

162 participants

1 Kittel Marcel (Ger) 207.8km in 04.54.05; 2 Cavendish Mark (Gbr) at 00.00; 3 Greipel André (Ger); 4 Theuns Edward (Bel); 5 Bonifazio Niccolo (Ita);6 van Poppel Danny (Ned); 7 Arndt Nikias (Ger); 8 Wippert Wouter (Ned); 9 Groenewegen Dylan (Ned); 10 McLay Daniel (Gbr); 11 Van Lerberghe Bert (Bel); 12 Bennett Sam (Irl); 13 Jans Roy (Bel); 14 Van Staeyen Michael (Bel); 15 Kristoff Alexander (Nor) ; 16 Vallee Boris (Bel);17 Sarreau Marc (Fra) at 00.03; 18 Looij André (Ned);19 Bagdonas Gediminas (Ltu);20 Baska Erik (Svk);21 Mareczko Jakub (Ita);22 Sabatini Fabio (Ita);23 Delage Mickael (Fra);24 Laton Eryk (Pol);25 Marycz Jaroslaw (Pol);26 Guarnieri Jacopo (Ita);27 Rickaert Jonas (Bel);28 Richeze Maximiliano Ariel (Arg) at 00.09; 29 Sinkeldam Ramon (Ned) at 00.11; 30 Kreder Wesley (Ned);31 Paterski Maciej (Pol);32 Bauer Jack (Nzl);33 Asselman Jesper (Ned); 34 Sieberg Marcel (Ger) at 00.14; 35 Markus Barry (Ned);36 Bonnamour Franck (Fra) at 00.20; 37 Bouhanni Rayane (Fra);38 Bak Lars Ytting (Den);39 Farazijn Maxime (Bel);40 Konovalovas Ignatas (Ltu);41 De Buyst Jasper (Bel);42 Houle Hugo (Can);43 van Poppel Boy (Ned);44 Kamyshev Arman (Kaz);45 Guardini Andrea (Ita);46 Viviani Elia (Ita) at 00.23; 47 Gogl Michael (Aut) at 00.25; 48 Draperi Matteo (Ita);49 Sagan Juraj (Svk);50 Kolár Michal (Svk);51 Trusov Nikolay (Rus);52 Turgot Sébastien (Fra);53 Smukulis Gatis (Lat);54 De Backer Bert (Bel);55 Kurek Adrian (Pol);56 Rast Grégory (Sui);57 Brutt Pavel (Rus);58 Stamsnijder Tom (Ned);59 Mullen Ryan (Irl);60 Farrar Tyler (Usa) at 00.29; 61 Dehaes Kenny (Bel);62 Ponzi Simone (Ita);63 Backaert Frederik (Bel);64 Declercq Tim (Bel);65 Archbold Shane (Nzl);66 Boeckmans Kris (Bel);67 Wallays Jelle (Bel);68 Van Asbroeck Tom (Bel);69 Wagner Robert (Ger);70 Irizar Aranburu Markel (Esp); 71 Morkov Michael (Den);72 Selig Rudiger (Ger) at 00.39; 73 Wisniewski Lukasz (Pol);74 Janse Van Rensburg Reinardt (Rsa);75 Porsev Alexander (Rus);76 Bertazzo Liam (Ita) at 00.42; 77 Moscon Gianni (Ita);78 De Bie Sean (Bel) at 00.49; 79 Thwaites Scott (Gbr) at 00.51; 80 Popovych Yaroslav (Ukr) at 01.07; 81 Senechal Florian (Fra);82 Barta Jan (Cze) at 01.18; 83 Slik Ivar (Ned);84 Kuznetsov Viacheslav (Rus) at 01.20; 85 Trentin Matteo (Ita) at 01.23; 86 Dougall Nick (Rsa) at 01.27; 87 Knees Christian (Ger) at 01.31; 88 Van Hecke Preben (Bel) at 01.41; 89 Sanz Enrique (Esp) at 01.44; 90 Stenuit Robin (Bel) at 01.50; 91 Dempster Zakkari (Aus) at 01.52; 92 Schillinger Andreas (Ger) at 02.03; 93 Navardauskas Ramunas (Ltu);94 Pichot Alexandre (Fra) at 02.07; 95 Bozic Borut (Slo);96 van Ginneken Sjoerd (Ned);97 Wynants Maarten (Bel);98 Van Keirsbulck Guillaume (Bel) at 02.15; 99 Castelijns Twan (Ned) at 02.18; 100 van Emden Jos (Ned);101 Tjallingii Maarten (Ned);102 Vanbilsen Kenneth (Bel);103 Boonen Tom (Bel); 104 Morice Julien (Fra);105 van Goethem Brian (Ned);106 Gruzdev Dmitriy (Kaz);107 Steels Stijn (Bel);108 Haller Marco (Aut) at 02.25; 109 Boudat Thomas (Fra) at 02.44; 110 Fischer Murilo Antonio (Bra) at 03.05; 111 Cancellara Fabian (Sui);112 Brammeier Matt (Irl);113 Blythe Adam (Gbr);114 Lecuisinier Pierre-Henri (Fra);115 Anderson Ryan (Can);116 Sergent Jesse (Nzl);117 Veuchelen Frederik (Bel);118 Lemoine Cyril (Fra);119 Gene Yohann (Fra);120 Minard Sébastien (Fra);121 Eisel Bernhard (Aut) at 04.10; 122 Rowe Luke (Gbr);123 Duchesne Antoine (Can);124 Devriendt Tom (Bel);125 Frison Frederik (Bel);126 Devolder Stijn (Bel);127 Westra Lieuwe (Ned);128 Daniel Maxime (Fra) at 05.12; 129 Tronet Steven (Fra);130 van der Haar Lars (Ned);131 Breen Vegard (Nor) at 05.17; 132 Hoelgaard Daniel (Nor); 133 Langeveld Sebastian (Ned);134 Skjerping Kristoffer (Nor);135 Feillu Brice (Fra);136 Fenn Andrew (Gbr);137 Thomson Jay Robert (Rsa) at 05.48; 138 Marangoni Alan (Ita);139 Lammertink Steven (Ned) at 07.56; 140 Martinelli Davide (Ita);141 Denz Nico (Ger);142 Bideau Jean-Marc (Fra);143 Pöstlberger Lukas (Aut);144 Dal Col Andrea (Ita);145 Cam Maxime (Fra);146 Seynaeve Lander (Bel);147 Trosino Mirko (Ita);148 Haga Chad (Usa);149 Mihaylov Nikolay (Bul); 150 Tedeschi Mirko (Ita);DNF Politt Nils (Ger);DNF Gaudin Damien (Fra);DNF Ayazbayev Maxat (Kaz);DNF Boom Lars (Ned);DNF Stannard Ian (Gbr);DNF Sagan Peter (Svk);DNF Kiendys Tomasz (Pol);DNF Petit Adrien (Fra);DNF de Vries Berden (Ned);DNF Degendt Aimé (Bel);DNF Helven Sander (Bel);DNF Baugnies Jérôme (Bel)



Marcel KITTEL (°Arnstadt 11.05.1988)

The German is back again. Last year he only won twice and he was nowhere. Now, under the wings of Patrick Lefevere, he seems to find his best sprinters' legs. He wins the Scheldeprijs for the fourth time and is, with regret of Mark Cavendish, the only record holder of the Scheldeprijs!

René Vermeiren



105th SCHELDEPRIJS

April 5

The 105th Scheldeprijs will go into the history books as Tom's Boonen last race on Belgium soil. As a tribute to his impressive career, his hometown of Mol was for this special occasion chosen to be the start place of the Scheldeprijs.

Major Paul Rotthier of Mol was the proud host for the many fans that showed up to pay tribute to Tom Boonen. The 166 participants (without Mark Cavendish who had to give forfeit with an injury) left the Rondplein and soon after the start a group of seven riders broke away from the peloton: Christophe Prémont, Julien Stassen, Marco Mathis, Frederik Veuchelen, Stijn Steels, Pim Ligthart, Eugert Zhupa. The peloton kept control of the race and never allowed the seven more than a five-minute lead. Ligthart en the Albanian champion Zhupa, the last two survivors of the leading group, were caught in the streets of Schoten and the peloton prepared itself for the three local laps to the finish. In the preparation for the sprint, about 4 km before the finish, Dylan Groenewegen and Greipel, two of the favorites, unfortunately crashed. Piloted by his teammates, including Tom Boonen, Mark Kittel had no real contenders in the sprint. It was Olympic champion Elia Viviani who came in second at a honorable distance and Frenchmen Nace Bouhanni took the third place on the podium. This was already the German's fifth win in the Scheldeprijs, adding to the tally of Quick Step.

ROADMAP Mol, Balen, Mol, Lommel, Balen, Mol, Balen, Meerhout , Mol, Geel, Mol, Dessel, Mol, Retie, Dessel, Retie, Geel, Kasterlee, Lichtaart, Poederlee, Herentals, Poederlee, Vorselaar, Grobbendonk, Zandhoven, Ranst, Oelegem, Schilde, Wijnegem, Schoten (152 km) and three local laps of 16.8 km, total 202.4 km.



RESULT

166 participants

1. Kittel Marcel (Ger) 200.5km 04h35m25s; 2. Viviani Elia (Ita); 3. Bouhanni Nacer (Fra); 4. Roelandts Jurgen (Bel); 5. Ackermann Pascal (Ger); 6. Barbier Rudy (Fra); 7. Janse Van Rensburg Reinardt (Rsa); 8. Sarreau Marc (Fra); 9. Sinkeldam Ramon (Ned); 10. Van Genechten Jonas (Bel); 11. Garcia Cortina Ivan (Esp); 12. van Poppel Boy (Ned); 13. Stenuit Robin (Bel); 14. Theuns Edward (Bel) at 2"; 15. Morkov Michael (Den); 16. Van Asbroeck Tom (Bel); 17. Wippert Wouter (Ned); 18. Ista Kevyn (Bel); 19. Corbel Erwann (Fra); 20. Trentin Matteo (Ita) at 5"; 21. Dupont Timothy (Bel); 22. Zabel Rick (Ger); 23. Gruzdev Dmitriy (Kaz); 24. Selig Rüdiger (Ger) 7"; 25. Gibbons Ryan (Rsa); 26. Sieberg Marcel (Ger); 27. De Vreese Laurens (Bel); 28. Bagdonas Gediminas (Ltu); 29. Backaert Frederik (Bel); 30. Kreder Wesley (Ned); 31. Bevin Patrick (Nzl); 32. Devolder Stijn (Bel); 33. Daniel Maxime (Fra); 34. Haller Marco (Aut); 35. Bertazzo Liam (Ita) at 12"; 36. Delage Mickael (Fra) at 13"; 37. Vallee Boris (Bel); 38. Spengler Lukas (Sui); 39. Dibben Jonathan (Gbr); 40. Eisel Bernhard (Aut); 41. Vermeltfoort Coen (Ned); 42. Keisse Iljo (Bel) at 20"; 43. Boonen Tom (Bel); 44. Bonifazio Niccolo (Ita); 45. Soupe Geoffrey (Fra) at 00.22; 46. Minali Riccardo (Ita) at 24"; 47. Hofland Moreno (Ned) at 27"; 48. Pfingsten Christoph (Ger); 49. Duval Julien (Fra); 50. Ariesen Tim (Ned) at 32"; 51. Van Hecke Preben (Bel) at 34"; 52. Knees Christian (Ger) at 48"; 53. Guarnieri Jacopo (Ita); 54. Thwaites Scott (Gbr); 55. Moscon Gianni (Ita) at 1'06"; 56. Turrin Alex (Ita) at 1'24"; 57. Hollenstein Reto (Sui); 58. Groenewegen Dylan (Ned); 59. Looij Andre (Ned); 60. Rowe Luke (Gbr) at 1'28"; 61. Vandenberg Stijn (Bel) at 1'30"; 62. De Backer Bert (Bel); 63. Cordeel Sander (Bel); 64. Stybar Zdenek (Cze) at 1'37"; 65. Baska Erik (Svk); 66. Schillinger Andreas (Ger) at 1'43"; 67. Martinelli Davide (Ita) at 1'56"; 68. van Empel Etienne (Ned); 69. Pibernik Luka (Slo); 70. Bozic Borut (Slo); 71. Fonzi Giuseppe (Ita); 72. Salomein Jarl (Bel); 73. Masson Christophe (Fra); 74. Naesen Oliver (Bel); 75. Naesen Lawrence (Bel); 76. Teunissen Mike (Ned); 77. Hofstede Lennard (Ned); 78. De Winter Ludwig (Bel); 79. Kämna Lennard (Ger); 80. Wang Meiyin (Chn); 81. Robeet Ludovic (Bel); 82. Biermans Jenthe (Bel); 83. Gesbert Elie (Fra); 84. Houle Hugo (Can); 85. Insausti Irastorza Ion Ander (Esp); 86. Maes Nikolas (Bel); 87. Wallays Jelle (Bel); 88. Reijnen Kiel (Usa); 89. Kolár Michal (Svk); 90. Perichon Pierre Luc (Fra); 91. Gallopin Tony (Fra); 92. Hoelgaard Daniel (Nor); 93. Ladagnous Matthieu (Fra); 94. van Goethem Brian (Ned); 95. Van Staeyen Michaël (Bel); 96. Hofstetter Hugo (Fra) at 2'04"; 97. Senechal Florian (Fra) at 2'45"; 98. Deltombe Kevin (Bel) at 3'10"; 99. Sabatini Fabio (Ita); 100. Andriato Rafael (Bra); 101. Doull Owain (Gbr) at 3'25"; 102. Stannard Ian (Gbr); 103. Declercq Tim (Bel); 104. Waeytens Zico (Bel); 105. Asselman Jesper (Ned); 106. Castelijns Twan (Ned); 107. Le Gac Olivier (Fra); 108. Kamyshev Arman (Kaz); 109. Gougéard Alexis (Fra) at 3'36"; 110. Bonnamour Franck (Fra); 111. Rickaert Jonas (Bel) at 3'49"; 112. Van Lerberghe Bert (Bel); 113. Farazijn Maxime (Bel); 114. Vanspeybrouck Pieter (Bel); 115. Vanbilsen Kenneth (Bel); 116. Wynants Maarten (Bel); 117. Farrar Tyler (Usa) at 4'24"; 118. Planckaert Baptiste (Bel) at 4'55"; 119. Schmidt Mads Würtz (Den); 120. Wagner Robert Thomas (Ger); 121. Van Hoecke Gijs (Bel); 122. Demare Arnaud (Fra) at 5'25"; 123. Rast Gregory (Sui) at 5'26"; 124. Breschel Matti (Den); 125. Alafaci Eugenio (Ita); 126. Bizhigitov Zhandos (Kaz); 127. Mourey Francis (Fra); 128. Zhupa Eugert (Alb); 129. Brändle Matthias (Aut); 130. Draperi Matteo (Ita); 131. Planckaert Edward (Bel); 132. Goolaerts Michael (Bel); 133. Van Breussegem Elias (Bel); 134. Vergaerde Otto (Bel); 135. Denz Nico (Ger); 136. van der Hoorn Taco (Ned); 137. McNally Mark (Gbr); 138. Scully Thomas (Nzl); 139. Langeveld Sebastian (Ned); 140. Reguigui Youcef (Alg) at 6'11"; 141. Bak Ytting Lars (Den) at 6'22"; 142. Lammertink Steven (Ned) at 7'24"; 143. Boom Lars (Ned) at 7'26"; 144. Steels Stijn (Bel); 145. Ligthart Pim (Ned); 146. Roosen Timo (Ned); 147. Stassen Julien (Bel); 148. Veuchelen Frederik (Bel); 149. Tleubayev Ruslan (Kaz); 150. Clarke William (Aus); 151. Pelucchi Matteo (Ita); 152. Thomson Jay Robert (Rsa) at 9'51"; 153. Walscheid Maximilian Richard (Ger) at 11'05"; 154. Prémont Christophe (Bel) at 13'26"; 155. Mathis Marco (Ger); DNS Pasqualon Andrea (Ita); DNF Sagan Peter (Svk); DNF Greipel André (Ger); DNF Korsæth Truls (Nor); DNF Renshaw Mark (Aus); DNF van Poppel Danny (Ned); DNF Bauhaus Phil (Ger); DNF Pedersen Mads (Den); DNF Claeys Dimitri (Bel); DNF Mclay Daniel (Gbr); DNF Van Zummeren Stef (Bel); DNF Jans Roy (Bel)



Marcel KITTEL (°Arnstadt 11.05.1988)

takes already his seventh season victory and, what is stronger, he wins the Scheldeprijs for the fifth time. Nobody ever did better, Mark Cavendish and the deceased Peet Oellibrandt, follows Kittel with three victories each. There is no doubt that Marcel will remain record holder for a long time and possibly, in 2018, he achieves a sixth victory. The German sprints in Schoten that fast!

René Vermeiren



106th SCHELDEPRIJS

April 4

With a tour of 125 km on through Zeeland and the start in Terneuzen the 106th edition opens a new chapter in the history of the Scheldeprijs. Never before has the race been ridden on Dutch soil! Cheered on by a large crowd the peloton of 156 riders started its journey along the banks of the Western Scheldt. At an excruciating speed the pack broke in three echelons. Initially Moreno Hofland took the lead soon to be followed by a group with Jan-Willem van Schip, Sean De Bie, Guillaume Van Keirsbulck, Jonas Rickaert and Alexander Cataford. The peloton didn't allow much room for the five in front and quickly caught-up with the riders to restore the order. However the ever present wind in Zeeland made the peloton brake into pieces again. A red-light at a rail track crossing near Krabbendijke was, in pursuit of the leading group, ignored by a bunch of riders. The commissioners stood firm in their action and riders of the likes of Arnaud Démare, Dylan Groenewegen, Tony Martin, Michael Van Staeyen (his 10th Scheldeprijs) and Kris Boeckmans were expelled from the race. The first group, consisting of 58 riders, arrived in Schoten for the final three laps. Different riders, like Dwain Doule and Antoine Duchesne, Maarten Wijnants, Matti Breschel, Mike Teunissen and Jos van Emden tried to stay ahead of the small peloton but were unable to succeed. On top of that Marcel Kittel, four time winner of the Scheldeprijs, had to let the first group go due to a punctured tire in the final lap. It was instead the 21-year-old neoprof Fabio Jakobsen who provided Quickstep Floors with its 24th victory of the season.



ROADMAP

NL Terneuzen, Borsele, Middelburg, Veere, Noord-Beveland, Goes, Kapelle, Reimerswaal, Yerseke, Krabbendijke, Rilland, Bath, Woensdrecht, Ossendrecht, Putte, B Putte Kapellen, Stabroek, Hoevenen, Ekeren, Antwerp, Merksem, Schoten (150 km) and three local laps of 16.8 km in Schoten, Schilde, sGravenwezel, Wijnegem, Schoten. Total 200.4 km.

RESULT 156 participants

1. Jakobsen Fabio (Ned) 201km 04h23m51s (45,708 km/h); 2. Ackermann Pascal (Ger); 3. Lawless Christopher (Gbr); 4. Debusschere Jens (Bel); 5. Lecroq Jérémy (Fra); 6. Walscheid Maximilian Richard (Ger); 7. Dupont Timothy (Bel); 8. Rickaert Jonas (Bel); 9. Welten Bram (Ned); 10. Haller Marco (Aut); 11. Vermeltfoort Coen (Ned); 12. Vanbilsen Kenneth (Bel); 13. Zabel Rick (Ger); 14. Tankink Bram (Ned); 15. Pelucchi Matteo (Ita); 16. Wijnants Maarten (Bel); 17. van Schip Jan-Willem (Ned); 18. Fenn Andrew (Gbr); 19. Phinney Taylor (Usa); 20. Basso Leonardo (Ita); 21. Dougall Nicolas (Rsa); 22. Sinkeldam Ramon (Ned); 23. Teunissen Mike (Ned); 24. Tleubayev Ruslan (Kaz); 25. Morkov Michael (Den); 26. De Bie Sean (Bel); 27. Thomson Jay Robert (Rsa); 28. Pflingsten Christoph (Ger); 29. Sieberg Marcel (Ger); 30. Maes Nikolas (Bel) at 8"; 31. Van Keirsbulck Guillaume (Bel) at 13"; 32. Wagner Robert Thomas (Ger) at 15"; 33. Wisniewski Lukasz (Pol) at 16"; 34. Keisse Iljo (Bel); 35. Stybar Zdenek (Cze); 36. Kragh Andersen Soren (Den); 37. Vanspeybroeck Pieter (Bel); 38. van Goethem Brian (Ned); 39. Robeet Ludovic (Bel) at 25"; 40. Baska Erik (Svk) at 36"; 41. Dibben Jonathan (Gbr) at 45"; 42. Breschel Matti (Den); 43. van Emden Jos (Ned) at 1'07"; 44. Asgreen Kasper (Den) at 1'27"; 45. Gruzdev Dmitriy (Kaz) at 1'28"; 46. Hodeg Chagui Alvaro José (Col) at 1'44"; 47. Wouters Enzo (Bel); 48. Politt Nils (Ger) at 1'50"; 49. Morice Julien (Fra) at 2'41"; 50. Schmidt Madz Würtz (Den) at 3'11"; 51. Duchesne Antoine (Fra); 52. Hofland Moreno (Ned); 53. Kittel Marcel (Ger); 54. Doull Owain (Gbr) at 3'34"; 55. Docker Mitchell (Aus); 56. Cataford Alexander (Can) at 4'39"; 57. Biermans Jenthe (Bel) at 5'11"; 58. Schwarzmann Michael (Ger) at 5'14"; **DSQ:** Martin Tony (Ger); Selig Rüdiger (Ger); Martinelli Davide (Ita); Bak Ytting Lars (Den); Groenewegen Dylan (Ned); Roosen Timo (Ned); Jansen Amund Grondahl (Nor); Knees Christian (Ger); Stannard Ian (Gbr); Curvers Roy (Ned); Hofstede Lennard (Ned); Demare Arnaud (Fra); Minali Ricardo (Ita); Houle Hugo (Can); Magnusson Kim (Swe); Dunne Connor (Irl); Van Staeyen Michaël (Bel); Turgis Jimmy (Fra); Svendgaard Michael Carbel (Den); Vachon Florian (Fra); van Ginneken Sjoerd (Ned); Warlop Jordi (Bel); De Bondt Dries (Bel); De Witte Mathias (Bel); Boeckmans Kris (Bel); Lammertink Steven (Ned); Kreder Wesley (Ned); Van Melsen Kevin (Bel); Duquenooy Jimmy (Bel); Paluta Michal (Pol); Koch Jonas (Ger); Kurek Adrian (Pol); Stosz Patryk (Pol); Putt Tanner (Usa) **DNF:** Kolar Michal (Svk); Naesen Lawrence (Bel); Boasson Hagen Edvald (Nor); Van Zyl Johann (Rsa); Gibbons Ryan (Rsa); Venter Jaco (Rsa); Vermote Julien (Rsa); Bauhaus Phil (Ger); Stamsnijder Tom (Ned); Cimolai Davide (Ita); Guarnieri Jacopo (Ita); Konovalovas Ignatas (Ltu); Le Gac Olivier (Fra); De Vreese Laurens (Bel); Gatto Oscar (Ita); Korsæth Truls (Nor); Van Asbroeck Tom (Bel); Scully Tom (Nzl); Blythe Adam (Gbr); Archbold Shane (Nzl); Gate Aaron (Nzl); Koning Peter (Ned); Godon Dorian (Fra); Soupe Geoffrey (Fra); Van Lerberghe Bert (Bel); Bonnamour Franck (Fra); Daniel Maxime (Fra); Feillu Brice (Fra); Lunke Sindre Skjostad (Nor); Enger Sondre (Nor); Goldstein Roy (Isr); Perry Benjamin (Can); Schreurs Hamish (Nzl); Williams Tyler (Usa); Yechezkel Aviv (Isr); Ariesen Tim (Ned); Reinders Elmar (Ned); Capiot Amaury (Bel); Farazijn Maxime (Bel); Menten Milan (Bel); Planckaert Edward (Bel); Van Rooy Kenneth (Bel); Van Breussegem Elias (Bel); Kruopis Aidis (Ltu); Livyns Arjen (Bel); Waeytens Zico (Bel); Ermenault Corentin (Fra); Garel Adrien (Fra); Van Genechten Jonas (Bel); Devriendt Tom (Bel); McNally Mark (Gbr); Dehaes Kenny (Bel); Six Franklin (Bel); Spengler Lukas (Sui); Stassen Julien (Bel); Vantomme Maxim (Bel); Kump Marko (Slo); Bernas Pawel (Pol); Tratnik Jan (Slo); Alzate Escobar Carlos Eduardo (Col); Eaton Daniel (Usa); Hegyvary Adrian (Usa); Marcotte Eric (Usa); McCabe Travis (Usa)



Fabio JAKOBSEN

(°Gorinchem 31.08.1996)



In 2016 Fabio won the Dutch title U-23. In 2017 he sprinted to the victory in the Ster van Zwolle, the Dorpenomloop Rucphen, de Ronde van Noord-Holland, de Slag om Norg and the 2^{de} stage of the Tour de Lavinier. More than sufficient to earn a place in Patrick Lefevere's star-filled Quickstep Floors team. An excellent choice it seems, a professional rider who already wins Nokere Koerse and the Scheldeprijs in his first season certainly has a bright future ahead of him.

René Vermeiren



107th SCHELDEPRIJS

April 10

A sunny but windy start in Terneuzen for the 143 riders in the 107th Scheldeprijs. It would be, as expected, a tough race right from the start. The windy and small roads made the peloton break and a first break away of about thirty riders took a lead of thirty seconds, causing trouble for the group with the favorites including Kittel, Halvorsen, Hodeg and last year's winner Jakobsen. Eventually it all came back together when the riders Brian van Goethem and Dries De Bondt broke away and gathered a one minute lead. The peloton however restored the order and caught the two leaders. At the Dutch-Belgium border it again was De Bondt, this time accompanied by Tom Wirtgen, who chose the attack. The two riders reached Schoten with a small lead but soon were caught by the first part of the peloton. This time around it was the Norwegian Edvald Boasson-Hagen together with the young Lionel Taminiaux who tried to stay away from the bunch. They had a lead of nineteen seconds entering the last local lap. Taminiaux was unable to keep up with the strong Norwegian rider but alone he was unable to stay ahead of the group and three kilometers before the finish the peloton started to prepare for another sprint at the Churchilllaan. It was a convincing victory for the young Dutchmen beating Max Walscheid en Chris Lawless at the finish line.

Remarkable to note that the five-time winner, Marcel Kittel, couldn't keep up with the peloton while sprint champion André Greipel finished at a disappointing 21st place.



ROADMAP

NL Terneuzen, Borsele, Vlissingen, Nieuwdorp, Middelburg, Veere, Noord-Beveland, Goes, Wemeldinge, Reimerswaal, Yerseke, Krabbendijke, Rilland, Bath, Woensdrecht, Ossendrecht, Putte, B Putte Kapellen, Stabroek, Hoevenen, Ekeren, Antwerpen, Merksem, Schoten (169 km) and two local laps of 16.8 km in Schoten, Schilde, sGravenwezel, Wijnegem, Schoten. Total 202,3 km.

RESULT

143 participants

1. Jakobsen Fabio (Ned) 202km 04h26m45s (45,436 km/h); 2. Walscheid Max (Ger); 3. Lawless Christopher (Gbr); 4. Hofstetter Hugo (Fra); 5. Jans Roy (Bel); 6. Boeckmans Kris (Bel); 7. Haller Marco (Aut); 8. Liepins Emils (Lat); 9. Philipsen Jasper (Bel); 10. Moschetti Matteo (Ita); 11. Van Genechten Jonas (Bel); 12. van Trijp Maarten (Ned); 13. Brochner Nielsen Nicolai Philip (Den); 14. Dupont Timothy (Bel); 15. Capiot Amaury (Bel);

16. Naesen Lawrence (Bel); 17. McLay Daniel (Gbr); 18. Planckaert Baptiste (Bel); 19. Wouters Enzo (Bel); 20. Cardis Romain (Fra); 21. Greipel André (Ger); 22. Van Rooy Kenneth (Bel); 23. Pedersen Casper Philip (Den); 24. Dempster Zakkari (Aus); 25. Ackermann Pascal (Ger); 26. Morkov Michael (Den); 27. Van Staeyen Michael (Bel); 28. Noppe Christoph (Bel); 29. Timmermans Justin (Ned); 30. Selig Rudiger (Ger); 31. Pichot Alexandre (Fra); 32. Maes Nikolas (Bel); 33. Van Asbroeck Tom (Bel); 34. Dewulf Stan (Bel); 35. Schillinger Andreas (Ger) at 9"; 36. Wallin Rasmus Bogh (Den) at 11"; 37. Garel Adrien (Fra) at 12"; 38. Ermenault Corentin (Fra); 39. Menten Milan (Bel) at 17"; 40. Vermote Julien (Bel); 41. Russo Clément (Fra); 42. Leysen Senne (Bel); 43. Burgaudeau Mathieu (Fra); 44. Rickaert Jonas (Bel); 45. Van Lerberghe Bert (Bel); 46. De Kort Koen (Bel); 47. Morice Julien (Fra); 48. Mullen Ryan (Irl); 49. Schreurs Hamish (Nzl); 50. van Goethem Brian (Ned); 51. Hollenstein Reto (Sui); 52. Thomson Jay Robert (Rsa); 53. Ferrari Roberto (Ita) at 20"; 54. Janse van Rensburg Reinardt (Rsa) at 22"; 55. Debusschere Jens (Bel); 56. Kragh Andersen Asbjorn (Den) at 24"; 57. Phinney Taylor (Usa) at 27"; 58. Zabel Rick (Ger) at 30"; 59. Politt Nils (Ger); 60. Sagan Juraj (Svk) at 31"; 61. Sénéchal Florian (Fra); 62. Keisse Iljo (Bel); 63. van Winden Dennis (Ned); 64. Bol Cees (Ned); 65. Vermeersch Gianni (Bel) at 40"; 66. Theuns Edward (Bel); 67. Moscon Gianni (Ita) at 42"; 68. Petit Adrien (Fra); 69. Consonni Simone (Ita) at 49"; 70. Bohli Tom (Sui) at 1'03"; 71. Pasqualon Andrea (Ita); 72. Vanmarcke Sep (Bel) at 1'06"; 73. Morch Kongstad Tobias (Den) at 1'09"; 74. Veyhe Torkil (Den) at 1'16"; 75. Vinjebo Emil Nygaard (Den); 76. Arndt Nikias (Ger); 77. Lemoine Cyril (Fra); 78. Curvers Roy (Ned) at 1'31"; 79. Kämna Lennard (Ger); 80. De Bondt Dries (Bel) at 1'39"; 81. Hagen Edvald Boasson (Nor); 82. Taminiaux Lionel (Bel); 83. Dehaes Kenny (Bel); 84. Martinelli Davide (Ita) at 1'46"; 85. Hodeg Chagui Alvaro Jose (Col); 86. Renshaw Mark (Aus) at 1'50"; 87. Doull Owain (Gbr) at 2'12"; 88. Blythe Adam (Gbr); 89. Fortin Filippo (Ita); 90. Owen Logan (Usa) at 2'23"; 91. Schwarzmann Michael (Ger) at 2'40"; 92. Ghys Robbe (Bel) at 2'44"; 93. Reijnen Kiel (Usa) at 3'05"; 94. Biermans Jenthe (Bel) at 4'36"; 95. van den Berg Julius (Ned); 96. Declercq Tim (Bel); 97. Stannard Ian (Gbr); 98. Lecroq Jérémy (Fra); 99. Kittel Marcel (Ger); 100. Bodnar Maciej (Pol); 101. Pedersen Mads (Den) at 5'46"; 102. Willems Thimo (Bel); 103. Asselman Jesper (Ned) at 6'01"; 104. Burghardt Marcus (Ger); 105. Vanspeybroeck Pieter (Bel); 106. Vanbilsen Kenneth (Bel); 107. Frison Frederik (Bel); 108. Bonnamour Franck (Fra); 109. Backaert Frederik (Bel); 110. Riou Alain (Fra); 111. Vachon Florian (Fra); 112. Tiller Rasmus Fossum (Nor) at 11'05"

DNS: Gibbons Ryan (RSA); **DNF:** Breschel Matti (Den); Modolo Sacha (Ita); Halvorsen Kristoffer (Nor); Ganna Filippo (Ita); Knees Christian (Ger); Frame Alex (Nzl); Oliveira Ivo (Por); Oliveira Rui (Por); Mathis Marco (Ger); Waeytens Zico (Bel); Hansen Lasse Norman (Den); Stallaert Joeri (Bel); Bonifazio Niccolo (Ita); Ligthart Pim (Ned); Sellier Simon (Fra); Minali Riccardo (Ita); Perry Benjamin (Can); Magnusson Kim (Den); Jorgensen Mathias Norsgaard (Den); Steels Stijn (Bel); van Poppel Boy (Ned); Weemaes Sacha (Bel); Feillu Brice (Fra); Guernalec Thibault (Fra); Manzin Lorenzo (Fra); Molly Kenny (Bel); Wirtgen Tom (Lux); Six Franklin (Bel); De Decker Alfdan (Bel); Kreder Wesley (Ned); Devriendt Tom (Bel)



Fabio JAKOBSEN 
(°Gorinchem 31.08.1996)

The 22-year-old Dutchman confirms his fledgling win of last year. After winning the 2018 Scheldeprijs, Fabio also won last stages in the Tour des Fjords, the Binck Bank Tour, the tour of Slovakia (Slovak Republic) and the Tour of Guangxi. This spring, he won the first stage of the Tour of Algarve.

Without major issues we can undoubtedly count him among the favorites in the coming years .

René Vermeiren