



# 34th SCHELDEPRIJS

July 30

123 riders took the start in Schoten and among them current World Champion Marcel Kint. At the entrance of Schoten, Stan Ockers himself was alone in the lead of the race. At the beginning of the first local lap, the gap with the bunch reached 30 seconds. Encouraged by the huge crowd that gathered in Schoten downtown, the rider from Borgerhout managed to maintain the gap and won the Scheldeprijs for the second time, five year after his first win. Nest Sterckx beat Staf Van Overloop for the second place.

## ROADMAP

Schoten, Wijnegem, Mortsel, Boechout, Lier, Heist op-den-Berg, Aarschot, Scherpenheuvel, Diest, Veerle, Oevel, Kasterlee, Turnhout, Merksplas, Hoogstraten, St. Lenaarts, Brecht, Schoten and one local lap. Total 175 km.



## RESULT

123 participants

1. Stan Ockers, Champion of Antwerp, 175 km in 4h31; 2. Ernest Sterckx at 27"; 3. Staf Van Overloop; 4. René Janssens 'Flander'; 5. Jan Van Steen at 45"; 6. Georges Claes at 1'; 7. Frans Bonduel; 8. Jef Van Linden; 9. Martin Van den Broeck (Antwerp); 10. Adolf Verschueren; 11. Theo Middelkamp (Ned); 12. Henk Lakeman (Ned); 13. Roger Gyselincx; 14. Ex-aequo: Louis Brusselmans, Victor Caluwé, Maurice Clautier, Frans De Coster, Frans Dewolf, Jan Engels, Albert Hendrickx, Jozef Labrosse, René Mertens, Louis Michiels, Edward Peeters (Boutersem); 25. Frans Rijkers; 26. Jos Wuytack; 27. John Braspennincx (Ned); 28. Jef Somers; 29. Eugeen Jacobs (Schilde); 30. Jan (Hervé) Theuns (Ned) at 2'; 31. Henri Bauwens; 32. Eugeen Jacobs (Dessel).

## Stan Ockers

(°Borgerhout 03.02.1920-+Merksem 01.10.1956)

This is for small Stan from Borgerhout the second win at the Scheldeprijs. He indeed already won five years earlier in Schoten. Subsequently he also won twice the Flèche Wallonne (1953-1955), once Liège-Bastogne-Liège (1955) and finished two times the second overall of the Tour (1950 and 1952). The highlight of his career took place in 1955 when he won the World Championship and the Desgrange-Colombo trophy. In 1966, he suffered a fatal crash at the Antwerp Sports Palace.



*René Vermeiren*



# 35th SCHELDEPRIJS

July 29

82 cyclists appeared at the start. Between Scherpenheuvel and Diest Rik van Steenberg and Berten Sercu place an attack and break away from the peloton. René Mertens, Jef Didden, Pol Verschueren, Julien Janssens, Rik Bauwens and Louis Brusselmans complete the escape. In Beverlo Theo Middelkamp, Jef Hendrickx, Eugeen Kiewit, Frans Rijckers and Alfons Boeckaerts catch up with the group and the race has begun. Kiewit and Verschueren are the first ones who drop behind, Rik van Steenberg had mechanical problems and gone are his chances for the victory. In the final sprint René Mertens turns out to be the fastest.

## ROADMAP

Schoten, Wijnegem, Mortsel, Boechout, Lier, Heist-op-den-Berg, Aarschot, Scherpenheuvel, Diest, Herk-de-Stad, Hasselt, Beringen, Leopoldsburg, Balen, Mol, Retie, Turnhout, Oostmalle, St. Lenaarts, Brecht, Schoten and one local lap. Total 216 km.



## RESULT

82 participants

1. René Mertens, *Champion of Antwerp*, 216 km in 5h46m; 2. Albert Sercu at ½ wheel; 3. Theo Middelkamp (Ned); 4. Henri Bauwens; 5. Frans Rijckers; 6. Albert Hendrickx; 7. Julien Janssens; 8. Louis Brusselmans at 3'; 9. Alfons Boeckeaerts at 5'; 10. Rik Van Steenberghe at 6'; 11. Stan Ockers at 9'30"; 12. Léopold Verschueren; 13. Alfons Wouters; 14. Eugene Kiewiet; 15. Frans Knaepkens at 14'; 16. Jozef Didden; 17. Staf Van Overloop; 18. Désiré Mariën; 19. Zéhon Crahay; 20. Louis Joris; 21. Eduard Leroy; 22. Stan Verschueren; 23. Joseph Leblicq; 24. Jean Dielis; 25. Marijn Heeren (Ned); 26. Louis Keersmaekers; 27. Jan Liebrechts (Ned); 28. Leo Mattheeussen; 29. Jos Sneyers; 30. René Verhaegen



## René Mertens

(°Arendonk 23.03.1922 - +Antwerp  
09.04.2014)

René was born for the Antwerp semi-classics: He won the Beker Sels in 1953, the Omloop der Vlaamse Gewesten in 1953 and the 1-Meiprijs in Hoboken in 1948. Throughout his long career (he was professional between 1945 and 1960) he won 46 professional races. In 1948 René was selected for the Tour de France, but he had to abandon the Tour in the 12th stage.

On April 9, 2014 he dies unexpectedly .... at the start of the 102nd Scheldeprijs.

*René Vermeiren*





# 36th SCHELDEPRIJS

July 27

A record 111 riders are participating in the 204 km long Scheldeprijs of 1948. At arrival in Schoten a group of 13 riders has taken the lead. Frans Knaepkens and Achiel Buysse break away and in the last lap Buysse leaves Knaepkens behind to win his second Scheldeprijs.

## ROADMAP

Schoten, Wijnegem, Borsbeek, Mortsel, Boechout, Lier, Koningshooikt, Heist-op-den-Berg, Booischot, Aarschot, Rillaar, Scherpenheuvel, Diest, Veerle, Geel-Punt, Geel, Kasterlee, Turnhout, Vosselaar, Oostmalle, Westmalle, Schilde, 's-Gravenwezel, Schoten (153 km) and 3 local laps of 17 km. Total 204 km.



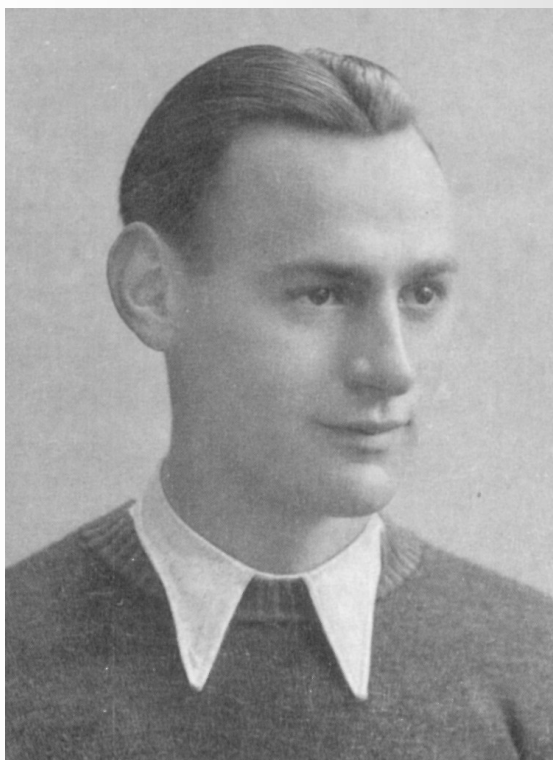
Achiel Buysse honored his national jersey in the Great Scheldeprijs which he convincingly won.

Gazet van Antwerpen, 28.07.1948

## RESULT

111 participants

1. Achiel Buysse, 204 km in 5h33m; 2. Frans Knaepkens, Champion of Antwerp, at 15"; 3. Theo Middelkamp (Ned) at 1'15"; 4. Marcel Ryckaert at 2'; 5. Jef Van Staeyen; 6. Sylvain Grysolle at 2'30"; 7. Daniel Taillieu; 8. Jozef Labrosse; 9. Frans Gielen; 10. Frans Ryckers at 4'10"; 11. Pol Verschueren at 7'25"; 12. Stan Verschueren; 13. Martin Van den Broeck (Lebbeke) at 7'50"; 14. Alfons Wouters; 15. Petrus Van Verre at 9'30"; 16. Gerard Buyl; 17. Louis Willems; 18. Leon Dhaenkyndt; 19. Frans Van Hassel; 20. Tony van den Dungen (Ned); 21. Frans Pauwels (Ned); 22. Karel Leysen; 23. Jan Van Steen; 24. Jos Hoefkens; 25. Ex-aequo: Louis Stobbeleire and Jac Storm (Ned); 27. Alfred Strom (Aus); 28. August Van Mierlo; 29. Ex-aequo: Jan Lambrichs (Ned) and Joep Savelberg (Ned).



## Achiel Buysse

(°Lochristi 18.12.1918-+Wetteren  
23.07.1984)

Achiel Buysse was, despite the lie in his career caused by the WWII, one of the best Belgium riders of the last century. His 40 victories include the Scheldeprijs (twice), Belgium champion and three times winner of the Tour of Flanders, an honor he shares for a long time with Magni, Leman and Johan Museeuw. He was the father-in-law of Michel Vaarten. Achiel was professional from 1938 until 1950.

His main results:

1940-41-43 : Tour of Flanders

1939-48 : Scheldeprijs

1947 : Omloop der Vlaamse Gewesten

1948 : Champion of Belgium

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# 37th SCHELDEPRIJS

August 2

The 1949 Scheldeprijs was one that lost out to the weather gods. There was a huge storm in Schoten and of the 138 riders who entered, only 69 made it to the start. Notwithstanding frantic and repeated attempts by Schoten native Jef Van Staeyen to get away alone, this edition again ended in another fierce sprint involving a number of the quick riders. The slender Roger De Corte from Waarschoot was the best ahead of other fast sprinters including Valeer Ollivier (double champion of Belgium), Nest Sterckx and René Mertens (winner of the Scheldeprijs in 1947).

## ROADMAP

Schoten, Wijnegem, Borsbeek, Mortsel, Boechout, Lier, Koningshooikt, Heist-op-den-Berg, Booischoot, Begijnendijk, Rillaar, Scherpenheuvel, Diest, Veerle, Geel-Punt, Ten Aart, Kasterlee, Turnhout, Vosselaar, Beerse, Oostmalle, Westmalle, St. Antonius, Schilde, 's-Gravenwezel, Schoten (153 km) and three local laps of 17 km. Total 204 km.





## RESULT

69 participants

1. Roger De Corte, 204 km in 5h32m; 2. Valeer Ollivier at 1 length; 3. Nest Sterckx, *Champion of Antwerp*; 4. René Mertens; 5. Raymond De Smedt; 6. Henri Bauwens; 7. Jef Van Staeyen; 8. Gustaaf Wuyckens; 9. Jules De Poorter; 10. Julien Janssens; 11. Jan Storms; 12. Karel Leysen; 13. John Braspenninx (Ned) at 1'; 14. Roger Pelsers; 15. Alfons Boeckaerts;  
16. Jef Somers; 17. Désiré Claes; 18. Jozef Labrosse at 4'20"; 19. Frans Gielen; 20. Piet Snoeijers (Ned); 21. Louis Brusselmans at 6'20"; 22. Jos Laureys; 23. René Beyens; 24. ex-aequo: August Van Mierlo, Vital Sneyers, Alfons Hendrickx, Stan Verschueren; 28. Marcel Dierckens (Lux); 29. ex-aequo: Eugeen Jacobs and Frans Van de Zande (Ned).



## Roger De Corte

(°Waarschoot 08.08.1923-+Waarschoot  
10.01.2010)

was among the better performers both on the road and on the track. He rode professionally between 1944 to 1961 and achieved numerous victories. Mostly in the sprint. A selection from his extensive list of achievements: 1946 Drie Zustersteden, 1947 Championship of Flanders Koolskamp, 1949-52 Scheldeprijs, 1950 stage wins in the Tours of Belgium and Germany, 1954 2nd in the Omloop Het Volk, 1958 3rd in the Omloop Het Volk. On the track, he rode in a great many six-day competitions. After his career, Roger was national coach and, for many years, a popular first alderman of Waarschoot. Roger's father, Raymond (1898-1972), was also a professional cyclist (with two stage wins in the 1927 Tour de France among his many achievements).

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