



88th SCHELDEPRIJS

April 19

194 riders started out from Antwerp's Grote Markt and turned it into a fast breakaway race. Despite attacks by first the Mapei block with Museeuw, Steels, Tafi, Peeters, and later by riders such as Knaven, Van Petegem and de Jongh, it all came down to the inevitable bunch sprint. In this, the 31-year-old Endrio Leoni from the modest Alessio team proved to be the strongest, ahead of a disappointed Jeroen Blijlevens, who missed out on a second victory. World champion Oscar Freire finished fourteenth.

ROADMAP

Antwerpen, Grote Markt (unofficial start), Schoten (official start), Schilde, Grobbendonk, Kasterlee, Arendonk, Turnhout, Wortel, Rijkevorsel, Oostmalle, Pulderbos, Schilde, Wijnegem, Schoten and three local laps of 14 km, total 200.4 km.



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Piet De Smet with Endrio Leoni on their way to the podium.

RESULT

189 participants

1. Endrio Leoni (Ita), 200.4 km in 4h24m (45,540 km/h); 2. Jeroen Blijlevens (Ned); 3. Leon van Bon (Ned); 4. Ronny Assez; 5. Gianmatteo Fagnini (Ita); 6. Lars Michaelsen (Den); 7. Erik Zabel (Dui); 8. Paolo Bossoni (Ita); 9. Tom Steels; 10. Matthew Gilmore (Aus); 11. Frank McCormack (Usa); 12. Niko Eeckhout; 13. Peter Van Petegem; 14. Oscar Freire (Spa); 15. Servais Knaven (Ned);

16. Gerben Löwik (Ned); 17. Ivan Quaranta (Ita); 18. Oleg Pankov (Oek); 19. Jimmy Casper (Fra); 20. Harm Jansen (Ned); 21. Ludovic Capelle; 22. Berry Hoedemakers (Ned); 23. Jens Zemke (Dui); 24. Leonardo Guidi (Ita); 25. Jan Svorada (Svk); 26. Frank Corvers; 27. Andy De Smet; 28. Fabiano Fontanelli (Ita); 29. Julian Dean (Nzl); 30. Geert Omloop; 31. Michael Blaudzun (Den); 32. Jurgen Werner (Dui); 33. Christophe Mengin (Fra); 34. Remco van der Ven (Ned); 35. Davide Casarotto (Ita); 36. Sören Petersen (Den); 37. Koen Baeckman; 38. Davy Delmé; 39. Paul van Schalen (Ned); 40. Geert Verheyen; 41. Cristian Pepoli (Ita); 42. Jurgen Van Roosbroeck; 43. Karel Vereecke; 44. Aart Vierhouten (Ned); 45. Marco Artunghi (Ita); 46. Scott Guyton (Nzl); 47. Stefano Casagrande (Ita); 48. Marco Della Vedova (Ita); 49. Matthew Hayman (Aus); 50. Alberto Vinale (Ita); 51. Geert Van Bondt; 52. Wim Feys; 53. Zbigniew Spruch (Pol); 54. Benoit Joachim (Lux); 55. Bert Roesems; 56. Mario Aerts; 57. Bart Bowen (Usa); 58. Matthé Pronk (Ned); 59. Andrea Tafi (Ita); 60. Dylan Casey (Usa); 61. Dave Bruylandts; 62. Kirk O'Bea (Usa); 63. Paul Van Hyfte; 64. Heinrich Trumheller (Dui); 65. Levi Leipheimer (Usa); 66. Eric De Clercq; 67. Coen Boerman (Ned); 68. Donatas Virbickas (Lit); 69. Wim Omloop; 70. Wilfried Peeters; 71. Hans De Clercq; 72. Johan Museeuw; 73. Franco Ballerini (Ita); 74. Sergio Barbero (Ita); 75. Dirk Arnouts; 76. Kurt Van de Wouwer; 77. Jan Schaffrath (Dui); 78. Karl Pauwels; 79. Hendrik Van Dijck; 80. Steven de Jongh (Ned); 81. Andreas Klier (Dui); 82. Jesper Skibby (Den); 83. Rolf Aldag (Dui); 84. Luca Scinto (Ita); 85. Graziano Recinella (Ita); 86. Robert Hunter (Zaf); 87. Bart Leysen; 88. Johan Verstrepen.



Endrio Leoni

(°Dolo 22.08.1968)

Endrio was at times one of the fastest sprinters. His career - from 1990 to 2002 - was full of ups and downs. He won four stages in the Giro, one in the Vuelta and further stages in the Ruta del Sol, Tirreno-Adriatico, Rounds of Algarve, the Netherlands, Portugal and the Settimana Coppi e Bartali. The two consecutive wins in the Scheldeprijs constitute his greatest achievements abroad.

René Vermeiren



89th SCHELDEPRIJS

April 25

161 riders were at the start on the Great Market Square in Antwerp, ready for a 205 km ride through the Kempen. After that they also had to achieve three local laps in Schoten. After a breakaway of Ludo Dierckxsens and after that another one with amongst other riders Servais Knaven and Peter van Petegem, a massive sprint was unavoidable. That meant a second win for Endrio Leoni after he already won the previous year.

ROADMAP

Antwerp, Great Market Square (official start), Schoten (official start), Schilde, Pulderbos, Grobbendonk, Kasterlee, Arendonk, Turnhout, Wortel, Merksplas, Oostmalle, Pulderbos, Schilde, Wijnegem, Schoten (160 km) and three local laps of 15 km, total 205 km.



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RESULT

161 participants

1. Endrio Leoni (Ita), 208 km in 4h49m (43,181 km/h); 2. Jeroen Blijlevens (Ned); 3. Kurt-Asle Arvesen (Noo); 4. Fred Rodriguez (Usa); 5. Remco van der Ven (Ned); 6. Servais Knaven (Ned); 7. Andreas Klier (Dui); 8. Franck Renier (Fra); 9. Bjorn Leukemans; 10. Chris Peers; 12. Ludo Dierckxsens; 13. Frederico Colonna (Ita); 14. Scott Sunderland (Aus); 15. Aart Vierhouten (Ned);

16. Andrea Ferrigato (Ita); 17. Stefano Casagranda (Ita); 18. Koen Beeckman; 19. Hendrik Van Dijck; 20. Geert Omloop; 21. Jan Svorada (Svk); 22. Fabien De Waele; 23. Adriano Baffi (Ita); 24. Fabrizio Guidi (Ita); 25. Kurt Van de Wouwer; 26. Wilfried Peeters; 27. Antonio Cruz (Usa); 28. Peter Van Petegem; 29. Masahiko Mifune (Jpn); 30. Johan Verstrepen; 31. Martin van Steen (Ned); 32. Dany Baeyens; 33. Jan Boven (Ned); 34. Kiril Pospeev (Oek); 35. Wim Vansevenant; 36. Matthé Pronk (Ned); 37. Juris Siolovs (Let); 38. Ivan Quaranta (Ita); 39. Johan Museeuw; 40. Stéphane Barthe (Fra); 41. Michel Vanhaecke at 3"; 42. Jurgen Guns at 8"; 43. Leon van Bon (Ned) at 12"; 44. Steven De Neef at 16"; 45. Paolo Valoti (Ita) at 18"; 46. Mario Manzoni (Ita) at 20"; 47. Corey Sweet (Aus) at 38"; 48. Benoît Joachim (Lux) at 58"; 49. Paul Van Hyfte at 1'02".



Endrio Leoni (°Dolo 22.08.1968)

Leoni, short and stocky, was, when he was in a good day, a very fast sprinter able to beat the very best ones. Unfortunately his good days were not numerous. He won 28 professional races, not a lot considering his capacities. He raced during ten seasons in the professional category (1992-2002). 1992 was a good year for him: he won two stages in the Giro and one in the Coppi and Bartali week. In '94 he won again two stages in the Giro and one in the Vuelta. After that he never again won in a major tout. He never took part in the Tour anyway. He also won stages in the Tour of Puglia, Netherlands, Calabria, Portugal, Murcia, Algarve, Andalucia and Castilla y Leon. He fast two times the fastest on the finishing line on the occasion of the Scheldeprijs (2000-

2001). In 2000 he also won the GP Denain (a few days after the Scheldeprijs!), in 1997 he was also the best in the Giro del Lago Maggiore and in 1999 he won the GP Etruschi, the race which opens the Italian season. This was his last victory. In 2002, his last season, he finished the Scheldeprijs at place 16. Since then we know nothing about him.

René Vermeiren



90th SCHELDEPRIJS

April 24

152 riders start in the event and while entering the last lap, five riders (Bart Leysen, Allan Bo Andresen, Voskamp, Andy Cappelle en Pronk) are still 38" ahead of the bunch. They are caught at only 3 km from the finishing line. As soon as it is done, Mapei-Quick Step starts preparing the sprint for Tom Steels. But Robbie McEwen is faster than Tom and the Australian rider wins his tenth race of the season. One more on his long list of wins!

ROADMAP

Antwerp, Great Market Square (official start), Schoten (official start), Schilde, Oelegem, Pulderbos, Grobbendonk, Vorselaar, Kasterlee, Geel, Retie, Arendonk, Turnhout, Rijkevorsel, Oostmalle, Zoersel, Zandhoven, Pulderbos, Wijnegem, Schoten (161 km) and three local laps of 15 km, total 206 km.



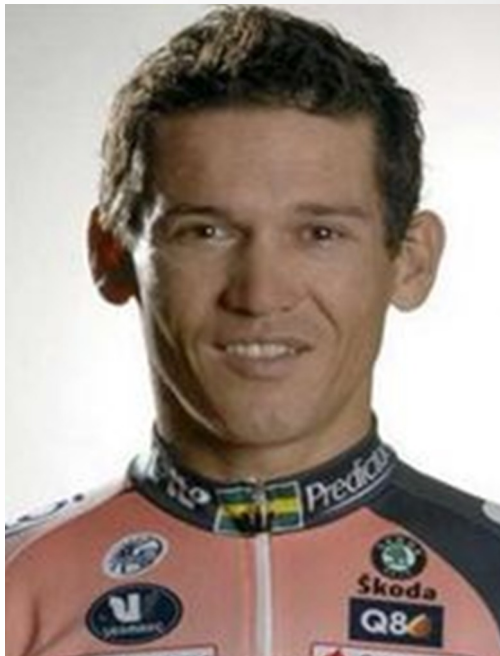
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RESULT

152 participants

1. Robbie McEwen (Aus), 205 km in 4h54m00 (41,837 km/h);
2. Tom Steels;
3. Stefan van Dijk (Ned);
4. Michel Vanhaecke;
5. Oleg Grisjkin (Rus);
6. Jan Svorada (Svk);
7. Mauro Zinetti (Ita);
8. Ludovic Capelle;
9. Rudi Kemna (Ned);
10. Nico Mattan;
11. Hendrik Van Dijck;
12. Kurt-Asle Arvesen (Noo);
13. Aart Vierhouten (Ned);
14. Claran Power (Ier);
15. Stefano Zanini (Ita);

16. Endrio Leoni (Ita); 17. Fred Rodriguez (Usa); 18. Tom Desmet; 19. Damien Nazon (Fra); 20. Jo Planckaert; 21. Geert Van Bondt; 22. Marcus Ljunqvist (Zwe); 23. Roger Hammond (Gbr); 24. Tristan Hoffman (Ned); 25. Max van Heeswijk (Ned); 26. Gerben Löwik (Ned); 27. Geert Omloop; 28. Christophe Roodhooft; 29. Roman Peter (Zwi); 30. Andy Flickinger (Fra); 31. Mario Manzoni (Ita); 32. Bo Hamburger (Den); 33. Filip Meirhaeghe; 34. Tom Leaper (Aus); 35. Remco van der Ven (Ned); 36. Rik Reinerink (Ned); 37. Luca Paolini (Ita); 38. Christophe Agnolutto (Fra); 39. Lars Yting Bak (Den); 40. Gorik Gardeyn; 41. Andy De Smet; 42. Wesley Theunis; 43. Allan-Bo Andresen (Den); 44. Raphaël Jeune (Fra); 45. Médéric Clain (Fra); 46. Ryan Guay (Usa); 47. Sébastien Joly (Fra); 48. Karsten Kroon (Ned); 49. Sébastien Demarbaix; 50. Siro Campnogara (Ita); 51. Zbigniew Spruch (Pol); 52. Stefano Casagrande (Ita); 53. Alexandre Grux (Fra); 54. Jurgen Landrie; 55. Luciano Pagliarini (Bra); 56. Nicolas Portal (Fra); 57. Paul Van Hyfte; 58. Martin Hvastja (Slo); 59. Michael Skelde (Den); 60. Claude Lamour (Fra); 61. Anthony Geslin (Fra); 62. Andrea Ferrigato (Ita); 63. Davide Casarotto (Ita); 64. Danny Daelman; 65. Bjarke Nielsen (Den); 66. Erik Lievens; 67. Fabien De Waele; 68. Peter Wuyts; 69. Peter Farazijn; 70. Alessandro Cortinovis (Ita); 71. Bram Schmitz (Ned); 72. Chris Peers; 73. Ronald Mutsaars (Ned); 74. Marc Wauters; 75. Emmanuel Magnien (Fra); 76. Linas Balciunas (Lit); 77. Ludo Dierkxsens; 78. Wilfried Cretskens; 79. Aleksandar Nikacevic (Joe); 80. Johan Museeuw; 81. Kris Gerits; 82. Frédéric Gabriël (Fra); 83. Johan Dekkers; 84. Pascal Deramé (Fra); 85. David Debremaeker; 86. Alberto Vinale (Ita); 87. Thomas Voeckler (Fra); 88. Thierry Maréchal; 89. Yoeri Beyens; 90. Eddy Serri (Ita); 91. Paolo Fornaciari (Ita); 92. Jans Koerts (Ned); 93. Aszlo Bodrogi (Hon); 94. Christopher Baldwin (Usa); 95. Kevin Van Impe; 96. Andy Cappelletti (Fra); 97. Jimmy Engoulvent (Fra); 98. Daniele Righi (Ita); 99. Matthé Pronk (Ned); 100. Dario Andriotto (Ita); 101. Antonio Salomone (Ita); 102. Bart Leysen; 103. Bart Voskamp (Ned) at 3'48"; 104. Jurgen Guns; 105. Jan Kuyckx; 106. Jan Boven (Ned); 107. Masahiko Mifune (Jpn); 108. Magnus Backstedt (Zwe); 109. Roberto Lochowski (Dui); 110. Marc Chanoine; 111. Steven De Neef; 112. Johan Verstrepen; 113. Servais Knaven (Ned); 114. Sven Vanthourenhout; 115. Glenn D'Hollander; 116. Tom Stremersch; 117. Marek Rutkiewicz (Pol); 118. Bram de Groot (Ned); 119. Nico Indekeu; 120. Allen Johansen (Den) at 4'03".



Robbie McEwen

(°Brisbane, Queensland 24.06.1972)

Robbie was certainly one of the best riders of his generation. He turned a professional in 1996 and won many races since then. During the cycling season, Robbie lives in Everbeek (Geraardsbergen). He is a smart and very fast sprinter who never hesitates to take risks. Till 2011 included, he won 12 stages in the Tour and the Giro, won twice the green jersey and was four times the best in Paris-Brussels. The number of races he won during sixteen seasons is really impressive.

René Vermeiren



91st SCHELDEPRIJS

April 16

Robbie McEwen, Tom Boonen, Jaan Kirsipuu and...Frank Vandenbroucke: all those cycling stars are at the start of the race. 163 riders participate in the event. Several riders try to go in the break but nobody is able to increase the gap till four riders: De Weert, Lauder, Scanlon and Koerts attack and hold a certain advantage. Koerts is dropped when the riders enter Schoten, with two laps left to go. Servais Knaven is the next one to break but he is caught too. It is then Ludovic Capelle's turn to go. This attack is the good one and thanks to his friend Kirsipuu's good job, who perfectly controls the pack, he wins the race. Kirsipuu finishes the race in 2nd place.

ROADMAP

Antwerp, Great Market Square (official start), Schoten (official start), Schilde, Pulderbos, Grobbendonk, Herentals, Geel, Retie, Arendonk, Turnhout, Oostmalle, Pulderbos, Oelegem-Ranst, Schilde, Wijnegem, Schoten (155 km) and three local laps of 15 km, 200 km total.



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RESULT

163 participants

1. Ludovic Capelle, 206 km in 4h40m (44,142 km/h); 2. Jaan Kirsipuu (Est); 3. Steffen Radochla (Dui); 4. Servais Knaven (Ned); 5. Erik Zabel (Dui) at 1"; 6. Jo Planckaert; 7. Allan Bo Andresen (Den); 8. Franck Pencole (Fra); 9. Frank Hoj (Den); 10. Eric Baumann (Dui); 11. Andy Flickinger (Fra); 12. Danilo Hondo (Dui); 13. Claran Power (Ier); 14. Janek Tombak (Est); 15. Ralf Grabsch (Dui);

16. Martin Müller (Dui); 17. James Vanlandschoot; 18. Fabien De Waele; 19. Roger Hammond (Gbr); 20. Mikhail Timochine (Rus); 21. Enrico Poitschke (Dui); 22. Arvis Piziks (Let); 23. Lauri Aus (Est); 24. Walter Beneteau (Fra); 25. Malte Urban (Dui); 26. Bert Hiemstra (Ned); 27. Chris Peers; 28. Régis Lhuiller (Fra); 29. Kurt-Asle Arvesen (Noo); 30. Erki Putsep (Est); 31. Wouter Van Mechelen; 32. Steven de Jongh (Ned); 33. Roy Sentjens; 34. Bjorn Leukemans; 35. Thomas Bruun-Eriksen (Den); 36. Staf Scheirlinckx; 37. Hendrik Van Dijck; 38. Christoph von Kleinsorgen (Dui); 39. Yuri Metlushenko (Oek); 40. Médéric Pichon (Fra); 41. Rik Reinerink (Ned); 42. Michael Pichon (Fra); 43. Anthony Geslin (Fra); 44. Frank Vandenbroucke; 45. Stefan Adamsson (Zwe); 46. Henk Vogels (Aus); 47. Geert Verheyen; 48. Lars Ytting Bak (Den); 49. Andrei Mizourov (Kaz); 50. Stéphane Barthe (Fra); 51. Maarten den Bakker (Ned); 52. Bogdan Bondarev (Oek); 53. Matthew Gilmore (Aus); 54. Andreas Klier (Dui); 55. Serguei Lelekin (Rus); 56. Frederik Willems; 57. Jeremy Hunt (Gbr); 58. Wilfried Cretskens; 59. Markus Knopfle (Dui); 60. André Korff (Dui); 61. Danny Daelman; 62. Jurgen Landrie; 63. Thorsten Rund (Dui); 64. Kevin De Weert; 65. Jurgen Van Goolen; 66. Jens Heppner (Dui); 67. Mark Walters (Can); 68. Dave Bruylants; 69. Jan Verstraeten; 70. Paul Van Hyfte; 71. Erik Lievens; 72. Bjorn Cornelissen (Ned); 73. Daniele Pietropolli (Ita); 74. Rolf Aldag (Dui); 75. Steven De Neef; 76. Mark Scanlon (Ier); 77. Timo Scholz (Dui); 78. Ronald Mutsaars (Ned); 79. Jan Schaffrath (Dui); 80. Stephan Schreck (Dui); 81. Gerben Löwik (Ned); 82. Kai Hundertmark (Dui); 83. Bjorn Schröder (Dui); 84. Chris Wherry (Usa); 85. Jean-Cyril Robin (Fra); 86. Tom Steels; 87. Nick Nuyens; 88. Aart Vierhouten (Ned); 89. Stéphane Bergès (Fra); 90. Thierry Marichal; 91. Geert Omloop; 92. Jean-Michel Tessier (Fra); 93. Bert Scheirlinckx; 94. Tristan Hoffman (Ned); 95. Johan Dekkers; 96. Marco Battiston (Ita); 97. Johan Verstrepen; 98. Scott Sunderland (Aus); 99. Robert Bartko (Dui); 100. Martin Hvastja (Slo); 101. Jeroen Blijlevens (Ned); 102. Kevin Hulsmans; 103. Tom Boonen; 104. Dariusz Skoczylas (Pol); 105. Siro Camponogara (Ita); 106. Carlos Da Cruz (Fra); 107. Robert Hunter (Zaf); 108. Michael Skelde (Den); 109. Christophe Agnolutto (Fra); 110. Julian Dean (Nzl); 111. Jimmy Engoulvent (Fra); 112. Stefan van Dijk (Ned); 113. Werner Riebenbauer (Oos).

Ludovic Capelle

(°Namur 27.02.1976)



Ludovic was a very talented rider but the results failed to match up to initial expectations. His career was put in parentheses in 2005 after he tested positive with EPO on the occasion of the Gullegem Koerse. He received an 18-month suspension before he was declared innocent following a procedural mistake. The rider native from Namur became Belgian champion in 2005. He won the Scheldeprijs in 2003 and in 2004 he won his last important victories in Dwars door Vlaanderen and the GP of Isbergues. From 2005 on, the career of the Walloon talented rider started declining rapidly.

René Vermeiren



92nd SCHELDEPRIJS

April 14

This Scheldeprijs is Johan Museeuw's last race. The event draws a huge crowd. Nico Mattan is alone in the break at the entrance of the final lap with a lead of 30". He is caught after a 115 km breakaway. The first rider who bridges the gap is...Johan Museeuw. But the bunch is packed together for the finish and Boonen beats McEwen after a long side by side sprint.

After the finish an impressive human tide marches on the Churchill Avenue. Everybody is really enthusiastic about young Boonen's win and wants to pay respect to Johan Museeuw the day his career comes to an end.

ROADMAP

Antwerp, Great Market Square (officious start), Schoten (official start), St. Job, Brecht, Loenhout, Meer, Meerle, Hoogstraten, Rijkevorsel, Beerse, Vosselaar, Kasterlee, Herentals, Vorselaar, Grobbendonk, Zandhoven, Ranst, Schilde, Wijnegem, Schoten (149 km), three local laps of 17 km (with the cobbles of the *Vogelenzang*), total 200 km.



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RESULT

145 participants

1. Tom Boonen, 200 km in 4h19m (46,332 km/h); 2. Robbie McEwen (Aus); 3. Simone Cadamuro (Ita); 4. Enrico Poitschke (Dui); 5. Bernhard Eisel (Oos); 6. Alexandre Usov (Wru); 7. Ludovic Capelle; 8. Enrico Degano (Ita); 9. Christophe Roodhooft; 10. Roy Sentjens; 11. Uros Murn (Slo); 12. Jean-Patrick Nazon (Fra); 13. Maciej Lewandowski (Pol); 14. Nicolas Inaudi (Fra); 15. Stefan van Dijk (Ned);

16. Yuri Metlushenko (Oek); 17. Jaan Kirsipuu (Est); 18. René Obst (Dui); 19. Nacor Burgos (Spa); 20. Adam Wadecki (Pol); 21. Sébastien Chavanel (Fra); 22. Kirk O'Bea (Usa); 23. Jo Planckaert; 24. Roger Hammond (Gbr); 25. Alessandro Vanotti (Ita); 26. Erki Putsep (Est); 27. Jans Koerts (Ned); 28. Allan Bo Andresen (Den); 29. James Vanlandschoot; 30. Siro Camponogara (Ita); 31. Lars Michaelsen (Den); 32. Mark Walters (Can); 33. Martin Elmiger (Zwi); 34. Steven Caethoven; 35. Remco van der Ven (ned); 36. Mark Scanlon (Ier); 37. Maxime Monfort; 39. Dennis Kraft (Dui); 40. Andy Flickinger (Fra); 41. Thomas Bruun Eriksen (Den); 42. Unai Yus (Spa); 43. Jeremy Hunt (Gbr); 44. Ciaran Power (Ier); 45. Bert Hiemstra (Ned); 46. Rafael Nuntdinov (Oez); 47. Bobbie Traksel (Ned); 48. Wesley Vanspeybroeck; 49. Igor Abakoumov; 50. Ralf Grabsch (Dui); 51. Michal Precechtel (Tsj); 52. Maxim Rudenko (Oek); 53. Stefano Zanini (Ita); 54. Michel Vanhaecke; 55. Michele Gobbi (Ita); 56. Wim De Vocht; 57. Christian Pfannenberger (Oos); 58. Johan Verstrepen; 59. David Derepas (Fra); 60. Jan Kuyckx; 61. Bjorn Leukemans; 62. Wilfried Cretskens; 63. Fränk Schleck (Lux); 64. Marc Streel; 65. Henk Vogels (Aus); 66. Gregory Rast (Zwi); 67. Stefan Adamsson (Zwe); 68. Chris Peers; 69. Tristan Hoffman (Ned); 70. Marco Bos (Ned); 71. Mark Renshaw (Aus); 72. Peter Wuyts; 73. David McKenzie (Aus); 74. Mikhail Timochine (Oek); 75. Andy De Smet; 76. Bert Roesems; 77. Johan Museeuw; 78. Thomas Voeckler (Fra); 79. Leif Hoste; 80. Baden Cooke (Aus); 81. Martin Müller (Dui); 82. Geert Van Bondt; 83. Ronald Mutsaers (Ned); 84. Leon van Bon (Ned); 85. Thorwald Veneberg (Ned); 86. Frank Hoj (Den); 87. Jimmi Madsen (Den); 88. Sebastian Siedler (Dui); 89. Koos Moerenhout (Ned); 90. Kevin de Weert; 91. Stéphane Bergès (Fra); 92. Johan Vansummeren; 93. Rony Martias (Fra); 94. Jan Valach (Svk); 95. Ryan Cox (Zaf); 96. Hans Dekkers (Ned); 97. Nick Nuyens; 98. Aart Vierhouten (Ned); 99. Matthew Wilson (Aus); 100. Thierry Marichal; 101. Niko Eeckhout; 102. Servais Knaven (Ned); 103. Ludo Dierkxsens; 104. Alexandre Naulleau (Fra); 105. Koen Barbé; 106. Gabriele Missaglia (Ita); 107. Bogdan Bondariev (Oek); 108. Geoffrey Demeyere; 109. Preben Van Hecke; 110. Benoît Vaugrenard (Fra); 111. Devis Miorin (Ita); 112. Kevin Hulsmans; 113. Wouter Van Mechelen; 114. Julien Smink (Ned).



Tom Boonen (°Mol 15.10.1980)

Of course Tom Boonen had to add his name to the palmares of the Scheldeprijs. Several years later he is Rik Van Steenbergen and Rik Van Looy's successor.

1x World Champion (2005),
 1x World Champion Team Time Trial (2012),
 2x Belgian Champion (2009-'12),
 3x Tour of Flanders (2005-'06-'12),
 4x Paris-Roubaix (2005-'08-'09-'12),
 3x Gent-Wevelgem (2004-'11-'12),
 5x E3 Harelbeke (2004-'05-'06-'07-'12),
 2x Scheldeprijs (2004-'06)
 6 stages in the Tour de France,
 the green jersey in the Tour de France (2007),
 2 stages in the Vuelta a Espana,
 4x general classification + 22 stages in the Tour of Qatar

It all stands on his magnificent palmares (149 professional victories).

In 2008, it looked like he would win a third Scheldeprijs but to everyone's surprise Mark Cavendish beat him. A bit overwhelmingly sure of himself, Tom indeed stopped his effort too early.

René Vermeiren



93rd SCHELDEPRIJS

April 13

146 riders were at the start of the 93rd Scheldeprijs. Tomas Vaitkus and Thorwald Veneberg went in the break after 55 km. The gap with the bunch reached 17 minutes. When they crossed the finishing line in Schoten for the first time, the vantage still reached 11' and 7'14" at the beginning of the last local lap. Veneberg defeated Vaitkus while public's favourite Boonen took the fourth place.

ROADMAP

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Photo Cor Vos

RESULT

146 participants

1. Thorwald Veneberg (Ned), 202 km in 4h30m (44,888 km/h); 2. Thomas Vaitkus (Lit); 3. Simone Cadamuro (Ita) at 4:39; 4. Tom Boonen at 4:41; 5. Niko Eeckhout at 4:57; 6. Steffen Radochla (Dui); 7. Henk Vogels (Aus); 8. Jurgen Van Loocke; 9. Jukka Vastaranta (Fin); 10. Jaroslav Zarebski (Pol); 11. Wilfried Cretskens; 12. Gabriele Balducci (Ita); 13. Nick Nuyens; 14. Steven Caethoven; 15. Stefan Adamsson (Zwe);

16. Kevin Hulsmans; 17. Igor Abakoumov; 18. Kurt Hovelynck; 19. Dimitri De Fauw; 20. Robbie McEwen (Aus); 21. Jurgen Van den Broeck; 22. Koen Barbé; 23. Nick Ingels; 24. Erik Lievens; 25. James Vanlandschoot; 26. René Obst (Dui); 27. Tom Steels; 28. Johan Verstrepen; 29. Gerben Löwik (Ned); 30. Jeremy Hunt (Gbr); 31. Benoît Joachim (Lux); 32. Guido Trenti (Ita); 33. Nick Gates (Aus) at 5:03; 34. Leonardo Duque (Col) at 6:27; 35. Francis De Greef at 10:24; 36. Sam Van Rooy at 10:47; 37. Paolo Longo Borghini (Ita) at 11:23; 38. Matej Jurco (Slo); 39. Stephen Gallagher (Ier); 40. Bart Dockx; 41. Zoran Klemensic (Slo); 42. Gregg Germer (Usa); 43. Masamichi Yamamoto (Jpn); 44. Jan Svorada (Svk); 45. Stefan Wijnands; 46. Piotr Chmielewski (Pol); 47. Hilton Carke (Aus); 48. Sebastian Siedler (Dui); 49. Radoslav Rogina (Cro); 50. Maarten Neyens; 51. Lloyd Mondory (Fra); 52. Siro Camponagara (Ita); 53. Rodney Green (Zaf); 54. Robby Meul; 55. Roman Bronis (Svk); 56. René Jörgensen (Den); 57. Daniel Musiol (Dui); 58. Andrea Rossi (Ita); 59. Laurent Mangel (Fra); 60. Bogdan Bondariev (Oek); 61. Simon Gerrans (Aus); 62. Marco Bos (Ned); 63. Marcin Lewandowski (Pol); 64. Gabriele Bosisio (Ita); 65. Raimondas Vilcinskas (Lit); 66. Michal Precechtel (Tsj); 67. Martin Mares (Tsj); 68. Corrado Serina (Ita); 69. Jan Kuyckx; 70. Ronald Mutsaers (Ned); 71. David Harrigan (Aus); 72. Rafael Nuritdinov (Oez); 73. Erwin Thijs; 74. Bert Scheirlinckx; 75. Ben Day (Aus); 76. Matthé Pronk (Ned).



Thorwald Veneberg

(°Amsterdam 16.10.1976)

Professional rider Veneberg's story is a rather short one. He won only two races: the Scheldeprijs in 2005 and the Tour of Northern Netherlands in 2004.

Veneberg turned a professional in 2001 and that same year he was the fifth of the Dutch Time Trial National Championship. In 2002 he was the 65th of the Giro. He participated twice in the Vuelta: 48th in 2004 and 92nd in 2005. Veneberg graduated in physical education and in 2009 he became the technical director of the KNWU.

René Vermeiren



94th SCHELDEPRIJS

April 12

This edition of the race was a particularly fast one. *Tornado Tom's* Quick Step team-mates definitely wanted to give the best from the very first kilometers and they indeed did it as they attack after only twenty kilometers. After 100 km, the gap between the leaders and the bunch reached 1'25". The bunch then stopped chasing. At 40 km from the finish, the gap reached 10 minutes. Quick Step squad imposed its law till the end and the world champion won his second Scheldeprijs in an amazing way.

ROADMAP

Antwerpen, Great Market Square (official start), Schoten (official start), St. Job, Brecht, Loenhout, Meer, Meerle, Hoogstraten, Rijkevorsel, Beerse, Vosselaar, Kasterlee, Herentals, Vorselaar, Grobbendonk, Zandhoven, Ranst, Schilde, Wijnegem, Schoten (149 km), three local laps of 17 km (with the cobbles on *Vogelenzang*), total 200 km.



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RESULT

153 participants

1. Tom Boonen, 200 km in 4h31m (44,280 km/h); 2. Steven de Jongh (Ned); 3. Gert Steegmans;
4. Niko Eeckhout; 5. Graeme Brown (Aus); 6. Enrico Gasparotto (Ita); 7. Jens Renders;
8. Aart Vierhouten (Ned); 9. Jeremy Hunt (Gbr); 10. René Weissinger (Dui); 11. Kurt Hovelynck;
12. Luis Pasamontes (Spa); 13. Massimiliano Mori (Ita); 14. Baden Cooke (Aus); 15. Evert Verbist;
16. Wouter Weylandt at 2"; 17. Mathew Hayman (Aus) at 7"; 18. Stefan Cohnen (Ned) at 11"; 19. Wilfried Cretskens
at 31"; 20. Geert Verheyen; 21. Servais Knaven (Ned) at 33"; 22. Kevin Hulsmans.



Tom Boonen (°Mol 15.10.1980)

This is Tom Boonen's second win at the Scheldeprijs.

1x World Champion (2005),
1x World Champion Team Time Trial (2012),
2x Belgian Champion (2009-'12),
3x Tour of Flanders (2005-'06-'12),
4x Paris-Roubaix (2005-'08-'09-'12),
3x Gent-Wevelgem (2004-'11-'12),
5x E3 Harelbeke (2004-'05-'06-'07-'12),
2x Scheldeprijs (2004-'06)
6 stages in the Tour de France,
the green jersey in the Tour de France (2007),
2 stages in the Vuelta a Espana,
4x general classification + 22 stages in the Tour of Qatar

It all stands on his magnificent palmares (149 professional victories).

In 2008, it looked like he would win a third Scheldeprijs but to everyone's surprise Mark Cavendish beat him. A bit overwhelmingly sure of himself, Tom indeed stopped his effort too early.

René Vermeiren



95th SCHELDEPRIJS

April 18

176 riders sign the start sheet on Antwerp Great Market Square. Tom Boonen is not present among them. The rider from Balen indeed suffered a car crash a few days before and he follows the race in Quickstep car, at the team manager's side. The first hour is really fast and the average speed reaches 59.7 km/h. After two hours, it reaches 48.9 km. The pace of the bunch is indeed so fast that it is impossible to go in a break. Van Impe, Eeckhout, Moerenhout, Thys, Weylandt, Knaven, Dehaes try nevertheless to escape but no way for them. In the final part of the race, Mattan and Gardeyn try their luck too but Lotto riders, Robbie McEwen's teammates chase and the pack is very soon packed together again. But in the massive sprint, the Australian rider is surprised and defeated by young Mark Cavendish (Telekom). Mark who?

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RESULT

176 participants

1. Mark Cavendish (Gbr), 200 km in 4h09m (47,470 km/h); 2. Robbie McEwen (Aus); 3. Gert Steegmans; 4. Wouter Weylandt; 5. Graeme Brown (Aus); 6. Claudio Cuccinotta (Ita); 7. Erik Zabel (Dui); 8. Baden Cooke (Aus); 9. Daniel Musiol (Dui); 10. Steven Caethoven; 11. Robert Hunter (Zaf); 12. Peter Velits (Svk); 13. Jens Renders; 14. André Greipel (Dui); 15. Roberto Ferrari (Ita); 16. Martin Velits (Svk); 17. Enrico Degano (Ita); 18. Mauro Da Dalto (Ita); 19. Kenny Dehaes; 20. Ward Bogaert; 21. David Boucher (Fra); 22. Evert Verbist; 23. Alberto Ongarato (Ita); 24. Gediminas Bagdonas (Lit); 25. Aidis Kruopis (Lit); 26. Michael van Staeyen; 27. David Harrigan (Aus); 28. Wouter Van Mechelen; 29. Hansjorg Standaert; 30. Sjef De Wilde; 31. Thomas Ongena; 32. Gregory Henderson (Nzl); 33. Thierry De Groote; 34. Oleg Grishkine (Rus); 35. Mathieu Crielion; 36. Kenny van Hummel (Ned); 37. Markus Eichler (Dui); 38. Rhys Pollock (Aus); 39. Matti Helminen (Fin); 40. Marius Bernatoniš (Lit); 41. Koen Das; 42. Tom Steels; 43. Jean-Paul Simon; 44. Matthé Pronk (Ned); 45. Pieter Jacobs; 46. Gorik Gardeyn; 47. Kevin Peeters; 48. Christian Leben (Dui); 49. Stijn Vandenbergh; 50. Janek Tombak (Est); 51. Bernhard Eisel (Oos); 52. Max van Heeswijk (Ned); 53. Jan Kuyckx; 54. Serge Baguet; 55. Geert Verheyen; 56. Paolo Longo Borghini (Ita) at 12"; 57. Floris Goesinnen (Ned); 58. Piet Rooijackers (Ned); 59. Bart De Spiegelaere; 60. Roel Vanmuysen; 61. Ramuntxo Garmendia (Spa); 62. Marc Streel; 63. Robby Meul; 64. Frederik Penne; 65. Steven Thys; 66. Kurt Dierckx; 67. Jarno Van Mingeroet; 68. Martin Müller (Dui); 69. Frédéric Amorison; 70. Bobbie Traksel (Ned); 71. Erwin Thijs; 72. Dimitry Kozontchuk (Rus); 73. Vytautas Kaupas (Lit); 74. Rick Flens (Ned); 75. Servais Knaben (Ned); 76. Geert Omloop; 77. Pieter Mertens; 78. Simas Kondrotas (Lit); 79. Mirco Lorenzetto (Ita) at 21"; 80. Michael Blanchy; 81. Niki Terpstra (Ned); 82. Leon van Bon (Ned) at 25"; 83. Koen Barbé; 84. Honorio Machado (Ven); 85. Jan Bluekens at 28"; 86. Kristian House (Gbr) at 30"; 87. Sven Nevens; 88. Cristian Murro (Ita) at 34"; 89. Alessandro Bertuola (Ita); 90. Giosuè Bonomi (Ita); 91. Wim Vansevenant; 92. Nico Mattan; 93. Steven de Jongh (Ned); 94. Peter Van Petegem; 95. Kevin Van Impe; 96. Diego Caccia (Ita); 97. Jan Boven (Ned); 98. Sebastian Siedler (Dui) at 47"; 99. Nic Ingels at 53"; 100. Leif Hoste; 101. André Korff (Dui) at 1'01"; 102. Greg Van Avermaet at 1'07"; 103. Roy Sentjens; 104. Jef Michels at 1'28"; 105. Tijs Crombez; 106. Thorwald Veneberg (Ned); 107. Cameron Jennings (Aus); 108. Evan Oliphant (Gbr); 109. Philipp Schulz (Dui); 110. Peter Wuyts; 111. Ralf Grabsch (Dui); 112. Niko Eeckhout; 113. Christophe Roodhooft; 114. Glenn D'Hollander; 115. Thomas De Gendt; 116. Kevin Van den Eeckhout; 117. Bart Van Heule; 118. Kenny Van Braeckel; 119. Zakaria El Darabna; 120. Jurgen Van Loocke; 121. Aaron Olsen (Usa); 122. Mindaugas Striska (Lit) at 1'43"; 123. Jorgen Vercammen at 2'03"; 124. Alexander Efimkin (Rus) at 2'35"; 125. Fabrice Piemontesi (Ita); 126. Paul Manning (Gbr); 127. David Verheyen at 2'46"; 128. Peter Ronsse at 2'50"; 129. Sergio Lagana (Ita); 130. Aleksandr Kuschynski (Wru); 131. Andrew Vancoillie; 132. Robert Retschke (Dui); 133. Felix Odebrecht (Dui); 134. Torsten Schmidt (Dui) at 3'33"; 135. Tony Bracke; 136. James Lewis Perry (Zaf); 137. Kyle Wamsley (Usa); 138. Jeremy Venell (Zaf); 139. Scott Davis (Aus); 140. Koos Moerenhout (Ned); 141. Aron Huysmans; 142. Bernard van Ulden (usa); 143. Matt Cooke (Usa); 144. Frank van Kuijk (Ned); 145. Stefan Wijnands; 146. Tomoya Kano (Jpn); 147. Bart Laeremans; 148. Jochen Engelen; 149. Joris Wagemans; 150. Jan Roziers; 151. Rob Peeters; 152. Greg De Winde; 153. Bart Veyt.



Mark Cavendish (°Laxey/Isle of Mann 21.05.1986)

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René Vermeiren



96th SCHELDEPRIJS

April 16

"I like to take part in this race", tells Tom Boonen on Antwerp Grote Markt where, three days after winning again in Roubaix, he is the focus of the public interest. Peet Oellibrandt, race record holder with three wins, is also present in Antwerp. His record is indeed in danger. Koen Barbé and Albert Timmer go in the early break. The gap with the bunch reaches 13 minutes but the pack catches them after 180 km. British Stannard and Frenchman Boucher try to attack in the final but massive sprint is unavoidable. Tom Boonen believes he is winning the race and stops his effort too early while Mark Cavendish jumps and finally beats him on the line. Farewell victory, farewell (provisional) record. Tom manages to relativize his disappointment and there is a very funny scene on the podium when exuberant Cav, a bottle of champagne in his hand, tumbles out of the podium.

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RESULT

136 participants

1. Mark Cavendish (Gbr), 207 km in 4h59m15s (41,504 km/h); 2. Tom Boonen; 3. Robbie McEwen (Aus); 4. Erik Zabel (Dui); 5. Stefan Van Dijk (Ned); 6. Fabien Bacquet (Fra); 7. Gregory Henderson (Nzl); 8. Wouter Weylandt; 9. Daniel Musiol (Dui); 10. Borut Bozic (Slo); 11. Mattia Gavazzi (Ita); 12. Kristof Goddaert; 13. Roy Sentjens; 14. Bjorn Thurau (Dui); 15. Matthé Pronk (Ned); 16. Graeme Brown (Aus); 17. Sebastian Seidler (Dui); 18. Raynold Smith (Zaf); 19. Sjef De Wilde; 20. Ward Bogaert; 21. Jurgen Van Loock; 22. Chris Froome (Ken); 23. Kenny Dehaes; 24. Thomas Geraint (Gbr); 25. René Weissinger (Dui); 26. Christoph Sokoll (Oos); 27. Niko Eeckhout; 28. Jarno Van Mingeroot; 29. Harald Starzengruber (Oos); 30. Maxime Vantomme; 31. Ian Stannard (Gbr); 32. Kurt Hovelynck; 33. Steffen Radochla (Dui); 34. Jurgen Roelandts; 35. Luca Barla (Ita); 36. David Boucher (Fra); 37. Jonathan Bertrand ; 38. Marco Corti (Ita); 39. Daniel Schorn (Oos); 40. Max van Heeswijk (Ned); 41. Sven Nevens; 42. Gil Suray; 43. Steve Schets; 44. Steven de Jongh (Ned); 45. Tom Leezer (Ned); 46. Jens Mouris (Ned); 47. Damien Timmermans; 48. Boris Shpilevskiy (Rus); 49. Kristof De Zutter; 50. Marcel Sieberg (Dui); 51. Maarten Neyens; 52. Paul Manning (Gbr); 53. David Reyniers; 54. Tom Criel; 55. Edvald Boasson Hagen (Noo); 56. Philipp Ludescher (Oos); 57. Michiel Elijzen (Ned); 58. Jean-Paul Simon; 59. Michael Van Poucke; 60. Tim Meeusen; 61. Jan Bluekens; 62. Jan Kuyckx; 63. David Deroo (Fra); 64. Hugo Sabido (Por); 65. Yusuke Hatanaka (Jpn); 66. Stefan Rucker (Oos); 67. André Korff (Dui); 68. Paolo Longo Borghini (Ita); 69. Steve Cummings (Gbr); 70. Gerald Ciolek (Dui); 71. Yukihiro Doi (Jpn); 72. Rudy Rouet; 73. Koen Barbé; 74. Geert Verheyen; 75. Matthias Vanhie; 76. Wilfried Cretskens; 77. Kevin Neiryck; 78. Jochen Summer (Oos); 79. Kenn Van der Schueren; 80. Igor Abakoumov; 81. Enrico Poitschke (Dui); 82. Bradley Wiggins (Gbr); 83. Gerrit Glomser (Duit); 84. Yoshimasa Hirose (Jpn); 85. Bram de Groot (Ned); 86. Martin Velits (Svk); 87. Bert Roesems; 88. Steve Fogen (Lux); 89. Theo Eltink (Ned); 90. Leif Hoste; 91. Jan Boven (Ned); 92. Mathew Hayman (Aus); 93. Sébastien Rosseler at 20"; 94. Lucas Persson (Zwe) at 23"; 95. Serguei Kolesnikov (Rus); 96. Massimo Mazzanti (Ita); 97. Marco Zanotti (Ita); 98. Davide Vigano (Ita); 99. Servais Knaven (Ned) at 25"; 100. Michael Polazzi; 101. Stijn Ennekens at 32"; 102. Steven De Decker at 40"; 103. Ed Clancey (Gbr); 104. Kevin Hulsmans at 43"; 105. Tony Martin (Dui) at 44"; 106. Jorn Van der Veken at 53"; 107. Rick Flens (Ned) at 1'05"; 108. Kevin Van Impe at 1'18"; 109. Michael Vanderaerden; 110. Wim De Vocht; 111. Albert Timmer (Ned) at 1'22"; 112. Mario Ickx at 1'45"; 113. Jérémy Devaux; 114. Martin Müller (Dui) at 1'53"; 115. Markus Eichler (Dui) at 1'55"; 116. Salvatore Commesso (Ita).



Mark Cavendish

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97th SCHELDEPRIJS

April 15

164 riders are present at the Antwerp Great Market Square for the 97th Scheldeprijs. A few days after he won for the third time in Roubaix, Tom Boonen was the big attraction on Antwerp Great Square. Mark Cavendish was not present at the start and as a consequence Tom was the only rider able to reach Oellibrandt's record. Bernucci, Pronk, Brutt and Louder formed the traditional early breakaway and the maximum gap between the four breakers and the bunch reached 6'56". A first crash involving Ciolek and Haussler amongst other riders took place at 40 km from the finishing line. At the entrance of the last local lap, the four leaders still had an advantage of 1'07". Knaven and Hammond counterattacked but at 4 km from the line, the bunch was packed together again. Van Avermaet launched his sprint too early and Petacchi, without his teammates' help, chose the right side of the road to come to the front in a very impressive way. Nothing and nobody was still able to defeat him when a very big massive crash happened just behind him. Robbie McEwen, Tom Boonen, Greg Van Avermaet and many other riders were the victims of that crash and made acquaintance with Churchill Avenue asphalt. Nobody was badly hurt except McEwen who suffered a brain concussion. It may seem incredible but that was Alessandro Petacchi's first victory on Belgium territory except for Aalst Criterium.

PARCOURS 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 (159 km) en drie lokale ronden van 16 km, totaal 207 km.



RESULT

164 participants

1. Alessandro Petacchi (Ita), 207 km in 4h27m20s (46,459 km/h); 2. Kenny van Hummel (Ned); 3. Dominique Rollin (Can); 4. Antonio Cruz (Usa); 5. Peter Wrolich (Oos); 6. Harald Starzengruber (Oos); 7. Björn Schröder (Dui); 8. José Antonio Ramirez (Spa); 9. Bernhard Eisel (Oos); 10. James Vanlandschoot; 11. Matthew Goss (Aus); 12. Alessandro Maserati (Ita); 13. Denys Kostyuk (Oez); 14. Kevin Peeters; 15. Marcus Zberg (Zwi) at 11";

16. Mark Renshaw (Aus); 17. Jochen Summer (Oos) at 13"; 18. Tom Veelers (Ned); 19. Petr Bencik (Tsj); 20. Fumiuki Beppu (Jpn) at 15"; 21. Jesus Rosendo (Spa); 22. Harald Totschnig (Oos) at 17"; 23. Jonathan Bertrand at 18"; 24. Jurgen François; 25. Matthias Brandle (Oos); 26. Sjef De Wilde at 20"; 27. Gerhard Trampusch (Oos); 28. Wilfried Cretskens; 29. Javier Ramirez (Spa); 30. Andy Cappelle; 31. Geert Steurs; 32. Maarten Neyens; 33. Servais Knaven (Ned) at 24"; 34. Fabio Negri (Ita); 35. Jonas Van Genechten at 26"; 36. Mikhaylo Khalilov (Oek) at 28"; 37. Andreas Klier (Dui); 38. Bjorn Leukemans; 39. Roger Hammond (Gbr) at 30"; 40. Gert Dockx; 41. David Deroo (Fra); 42. Markus Eichler (Dui); 43. Siebrecht Pieters; 44. Simon Clarke (Aus) at 32"; 45. Ian McKissick (Usa); 46. Ted King (Usa); 47. Jean Zen (Fra) at 34"; 48. Klaas Lodewyck at 36"; 49. Wim de Vocht at 38"; 50. Nikolas Maes at 39"; 51. Steven de Jongh (Ned); 52. Sebastian Langeveld (Ned); 53. Jakub Danacik (Tsj); 54. Jeremy Hunt (Gbr); 55. Frederik Veuchelen; 56. Frédéric Amorison at 43"; 57. Dominik Roels (Dui); 58. Geert Omloop at 45"; 59. Marco Cattaneo (Ita); 60. Bert De Backer at 47"; 61. Gregory Henderson (Nzl); 62. Matija Kvasina (Cro); 63. Kenny Dehaes; 64. Gert Steegmans; 65. Oleksandr Kvachuk (Oek); 66. Anders Lund (Den); 67. Claudio Cuccinotta (Ita); 68. Marcel Sieberg (Dui); 69. Lorenzo Bernucci (Ita); 70. Francis De Greef; 71. Vladimir Duma (Oek); 72. Xavier Tondo (Spa); 73. Timothy Vangheel; 74. Leopold Konig (Tsj); 75. Staf Scheirlinckx; 76. Michal Golas (Pol) at 54"; 77. Roberto Ferrari (Ita) at 56"; 78. Kevin Van Impe at 57"; 79. Igor Abakoumov at 1'04"; 80. Carlos Barredo (Spa) at 1'08"; 81. Maarten Wynants; 82. Kevin De Weert; 83. Olivier Pardini; 84. Wouter Weylandt at 1'13"; 85. Pavel Brutt (Rus) at 1'16"; 86. Alexei Markov (Rus); 87. Michiel Elijzen (Ned) at 1'28"; 88. Juan José Haedo (Arg) at 1'43"; 89. Dominik Klemme (Dui); 90. Nikolai Trusov (Rus); 91. Alexander Serov (Rus); 92. Bert Grabsch (Dui); 93. Bobbie Traksel (Ned); 94. Petr Kubias (Tsj).



Alessandro Petacchi

(°La Spezia 03.01.1974)

Alessandro became a professional in 1996 and achieved 163 victories until 2009. He won 26 stages in the Giro, 20 in the Vuelta and 6 in the Tour. In 2003 he won 15 stages together in the three big rounds. He also won the points classification in each of the three: in the Giro 2004, the Vuelta 2005 and the Tour 2010.

His main classic successes: Milan-Sanremo 2005, Paris-Tours 2007, Scheldeprijs 2009.

René Vermeiren