



20th SCHELDEPRIJS

July 29

After barely 10 km, world champion and former winner Georges Ronsse is knocked out because of equipment failure. The race is brought to life by a very industrious Godfried De Vocht. Constant Vromans also rides alone in front for a while. In the finale, Denis Verschueren, the giant of Itegem, is unbeatable. He attacks relentlessly until he is alone at the front. Denis wins by one minute. Jef Wauters, the 1929 winner, beats the peloton in the final sprint for second place.

ROADMAP

Schoten, Kleine Bareel, Kapellen, Putte, Kalmthout, Wuustwezel, Hoogstraten, Merksplas, Turnhout, Oostmalle, Schilde, Schoten and five local laps Schoten-Brasschaat-Schoten. Total 170 km.



Denis Verschueren wins by one minute.

RESULT

47 participants

1. Denis Verschueren, *Champion of Antwerp*, 170 km in 5uh8m;
2. Jef Wauters at 1';
3. August Reyms at 20 cm;
4. Jef Dervaes at 1/2 wheel;
5. Odiel Van Hevel;
6. Hector Van Rossem;
7. Gerard Lambrechts;
8. Désiré Louesse;
9. Albert Maes;
10. Godfried De Vocht;
11. Jan Wauters;
12. Camille Ceuppens;
13. Pierre Vellemans;
14. Hermann Buse (Dui) at 2';
15. Louis Verelst;
16. Van der Nieuwenhoff (Ned).

Denis Verschueren

(°Berlaar 02.02.1897-+Lier 18.04.1954)

lived in Itegem and was a big, strong athlete. In the 1920s, 'The giant of Itegem' was one of the best one-day racers. He won Paris-Tours ('25 and '28), the Tour of Belgium ('25), the Tour of Flanders ('26) and Paris-Brussels ('26). Above all, Denis was a Scheldeprijs specialist: 3rd in 1923, 2nd in 1924, 1st in 1930, 3rd in 1931 and 2nd in 1932



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21st SCHELDEPRIJS

July 28

On Tuesday July 28, the start of the Scheldeprijs was given at 12:45 pm in Schoten. 57 riders took part in the event. The big lap, 90 km, went through Kalmthout, Wuustwezel, Hoogstraten, Turnhout, Oostmalle and Schilde. It was followed by 5 shorter laps through Schoten, Brasschaat and back in Schoten. Ten riders arrived together in Schoten with a big advance and sprinted for victory.

ROADMAP

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RESULT

44 participants

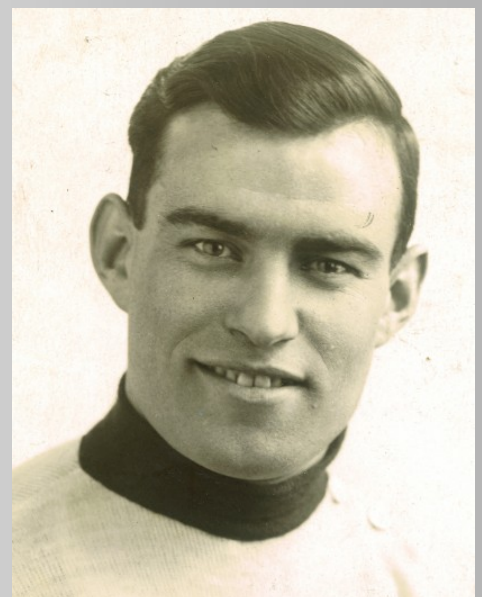
1. Godfried De Vocht, *Champion of Antwerp*, 170 km in 5h18m22s; 2. Odiel Van Hevel at 2 lengths; 3. Denis Verschueren; 4. Albert Maes; 5. August Verdyck; 6. Corneel Leemans; 7. Jean Aerts; 8. Louis De Lannoy; 9. Hector Van Rossem; 10. Maurice Dewolf; 11. Georges Lemaire at 15'; 12. Michel Van Vlockhoven; 13. Gustaaf Hombroeckx; 14. Constant Struyven; 15. Kurt Nitzschke (Dui); 16. Camille Ceuppens; 17. Jef Van de Wiele at 17'; 18. Louis Verhelst.

Godfried De Vocht

(°Arendonk 17.03.1908-+Antwerpen 23.10.1985)

'Fried' De Vocht was a very talented rider. In the youth categories, this 'Rik Van Steenberg-avant-la-lettre' already won a lot of races. In 1929 he won the military Belgian championship and in 1930 he did the same in the independent category. Like a professional, he won twice the Scheldeprijs (1931-32). As a consequence of a harsh crash, he suffered a fractured skull and was later never able to reach the same level again. He was only 24 years old when he put an end to his cycling career.

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22nd SCHELDEPRIJS

August 2

55 riders starts the race which goes through Lier and Herentals before finishing with five final laps through Brasschaat. Six riders break at the very beginning of the race: De Vocht, Huys, Verschueren, Vromans, Van Vlockhoven and Gust Verdyck, the local star. This is in fact the breakaway you have to make part of. When the riders are back in Schoten, Van Vlockhoven breaks his handlebars and Fried De Vocht attacks. He is definitely the best and wins his second Scheldeprijs in a row.

ROADMAP

Schoten, Deurne, Fort I, Borsbeek, Boechout, Lier, Kessel, Nijlen, Bouwel, Herentals, Poederlee, Turnhout, Oostmalle, Schilde, 's Gravenwezel, Schoten (90 km), followed by five laps through Schoten, Keizershoek, Brasschaat, Botermelk, Schoten. Total 150 km.



Godfried De Vocht wins, applauded by a large crowd.

RESULT

55 participants

1. Godfried De Vocht, 155 km in 4h35m;
2. Denis Verschueren, *Champion of Antwerp*, at 45";
3. Gust Verdyck;
4. Constant Vromans at 1'35";
5. Constant Huys;
6. Jozef Kemper Horemans at 8';
7. Gerard Lambrechts;
8. August Reyns;
9. Aloïs Meerschaert;
10. Michel Van Vlockhoven;
11. Louis Deurloo;
12. Jules Deschepper;
13. Louis Roels;
14. Pol Mertens;
15. Zander (Alexander) Maes;
16. Albert Vanderauwera;
17. Paul De Schepper;
18. Frans Van Hassel;
19. Ex-

aequo: Eugène Gijbels, Jozef Boutmans, Walter Nickel (Dui).

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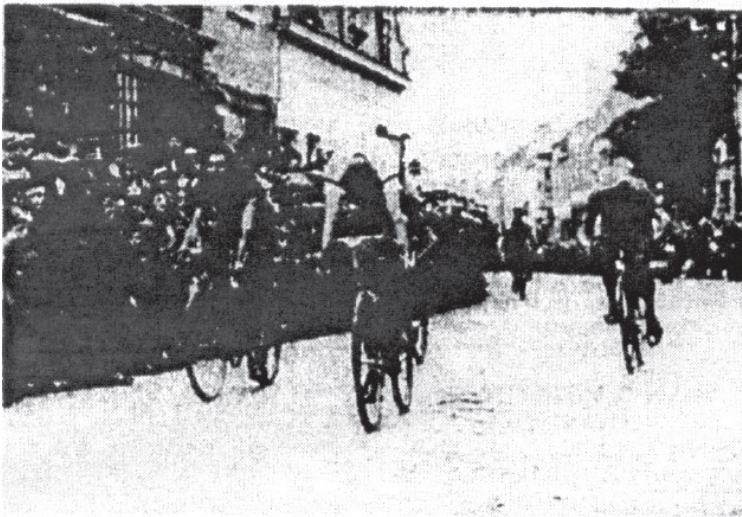
23rd SCHELDEPRIJS

August 1

73 professional riders present themselves at Gust Verdyck's pub in Schoten to take their numbers for the event. The race is a really fast one and six riders break just before the bunch enters in Schoten. This is definitely the breakaway you have to make part of. Those six riders remain in the lead till the finish line and Flander Horemans defeats his break mates in the sprint.

ROADMAP

Schoten, Deurne, Fort I, Lier, Kessel, Herentals, Lille, Gierle, Vosselaar, Oostmalle, 's-Gravenwezel, Schoten (90 km), plus five laps along Brasschaat, total 155 km.



Sprint won by Flander Horemans before Hardiquet

19. Oscar Voet; 20. François Gardier; 21. Theodore Roelen.

RESULT

73 participants

1. Jozef Flander Horemans, 165 km in 4h55m;
2. Louis Hardiquet; 3. Louis Deurloo, *Champion of Antwerp*; 4. Gustaaf Deloor; 5. Leopold Roosemont; 6. Frans Dictus; 7. Louis Rolus at 2'; 8. Marinus Valentijn (Ned); 9. Frans Van Loock at 2'20"; 10. Gerrit Van der Ruit (Ned) at 10'; 11. Corneel Leemans; 12. Gerard Desmet ; 13. Zander (Alexander) Maes at 13'; 14. Marcel Van Velthoven; 15. Remi Wijnant; 16. Cesar Bogaert (Ned) at 17'; 17. Aloïs Meerschaert; 18. Kurt Kruger (Dui);

Jozef Flander Horemans

(°Wondelgem 24.02.1910-†Gentbrugge 15.07.1992)

As a junior (1930,) he already won the Belgian Championship and a lot of other races. He was a very fast and also elegant rider. He turns a professional in 1931. He won several races in the category but he never made his way through international cycling. The Schelprijs 1933 is his main victory. In 1939 the once so promising rider decided to put an end to his cycling career. Jozef Horemans's nickname was 'Flander'. Another Jozef Horemans, belonging to the same generation, received the nickname of 'Kemper'.

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24th SCHELDEPRIJS

July 31

For the first time since 1907 the riders don't have to ride an extra big loop. As a consequence the Scheldeprijs takes place only on ten local laps of 16,5 km. It is for sure the first time so many people attend the event. Nothing less than 101 professional riders are at the start: a complete success! Hamerlinck, Vissers, Tommies, Moerenhout, Verniers and Binst break in the final lap and are on their way to sprint for victory. Léon Tommies is the surprising winner as he defeats big favorite 'Don Fredo' Fred Hamerlinck.

ROADMAP

Ten local laps of 16,5 km: Schoten City Hall, Korte Bomenstraat, Wortelstraat, Keizershoek, Kleine Bareel, Ekeren-Donk, Mariaburg, Frilinglei, Brasschaat, Botermelk, the high street to Schoten. Total 165 km.



Léon Tommies (left) beats 'Don Fredo' (right), a complete surprise.

RESULT

101 participants

1. Léon Tommies, 165 km in 4h41m; 2. Fred Hamerlinck at a half-length; 3. Jef Moerenhout; 4. Alfons Verniers; 5. Ward Vissers, Champion of Antwerp; 6. Frans Binst; 7. Karel Kaers at 2"; 8. Leo De Rijck; 9. Jef Palmans; 10. Constant Struyven; 11. Jef Dervaes; 12. Frans Van Hassel; 13. Ex-aequo: Corneel Leemans, Gustave Reyns, Gerrit Van der Ruit (Ned), Odiel Vanhevel, Frans Van Loock, Charles Van Keer, Charles Verpoorten, Lucien Verdyck; 21. Camille Michielsens; 22. Cyrille Lefèvre; 23. Raymond De Corte; 24. Alfons Deloor; 25. Constant Huys.

Léon Tommies

(°Anderlecht 04.12.1909-+Evere 02.09.1995)

In 1932 while he was taking part at his first professional season, Léon, won the famous Circuit of Paris. He also took 5 in Paris-Brussels, 9 in the Tour of Flanders and 12 in Paris-Roubaix. In 1933 he took 2 in the Tour of Flanders. In 1934 he won the Scheldeprijs. After that his career came suddenly to an end. He suffered from health problems, lost his motivation and stopped racing in 1936 when he was only 27 years old.

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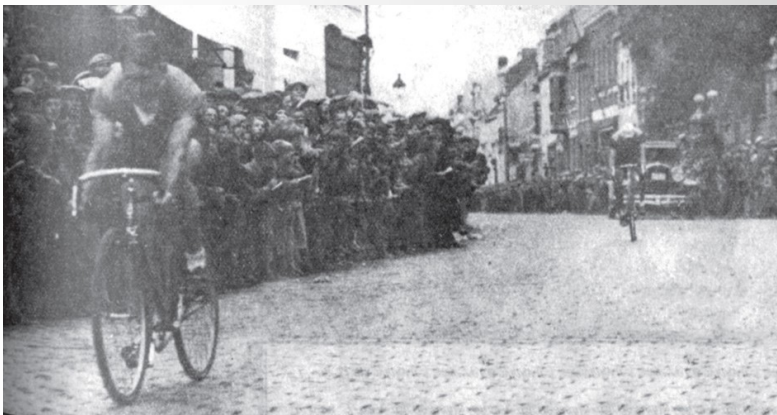
25th SCHELDEPRIJS

July 30

78 riders took the start of the 25th Scheldeprijs. Four riders attacked in the final part: Léopold Gérard, Staf Deloor, Wardje Vissers and *Karke* Loncke. Vissers and Loncke sprinted for victory. Loncke, a very fast rider, was definitely the best.

ROADMAP

Twelve laps Schoten-Brasschaat-Schoten, total 176 km.



Loncke beats Ward Vissers with lengths.

RESULT

78 participants

1. Gerard Loncke, 176 km in 4h34m25s;
2. Ward Vissers, Champion of Antwerp, at 10 meter;
3. Gustaaf Deloor at 100 m;
4. Léopold Gérard at 150 m;
5. Louis Duerloo at 6'10";
6. Frans Bonduel;
7. August Verdyck;
8. Maurice Croon;
9. Alfons Deloor;
10. Theo Balemans;
11. Alfons Rombauts;
12. Antoon Loncke;
13. Gustave Reyns at 10'40";
14. Willy Michaux;
15. Frans Vervoort at 11';
16. René Reniers;
17. Mathieu Cardinaels;
18. Petrus Clarys;
19. Karel Van den Wijngaert;
20. Constant Lauwers;
21. Tranquillo Lorenzon (Ita).

Gerard Loncke

(°Overpelt 15.01.1905-+Neerpelt 13.03.1979)

Gerard 'Karke' Loncke won the junior Belgian Championship in the junior category in 1926. As a professional rider he won the Scheldeprijs in 1935 and the Circuit of the Flemish Regions in 1930. He won two stages in the Tour (1931-1932) and also two in the Giro (1933). He was also a very good rider in track events. He put an end to his career just before the beginning of the war. He was the best rider of the province of Limburg before the war.

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26th SCHELDEPRIJS

July 28

The 73 participants made the race very lively from start to finish. The race was decided in the last lap when four riders went in the break. Those sprinted together for victory and Marcel Van Schil was definitely the fastest guy. He defeated Schoten rider Fran Van Hassel by several lengths.

ROADMAP

13 laps, circuit Schoten-Keizershoek-Brasschaat-Botermelk-Schoten, 176 km.



Winner Marcel Van Schil, busy surrounded

RESULT

73 participants

1. Marcel Van Schil, *Champion of Antwerp*, 175 km in 4h52m; 2. Frans Van Hassel on 10 m; 3. Camiel Michielsens on 50m; 4. Stan Huys; 5. Alfons Corthout at 15"; 6. Jef Somers; 7. Jef Palmans; 8. Alfons Fleurbay; 9. Jos Collet at 25"; 10. Jaak De Meyer at 45"; 11. Gustaaf De Greef; 12. Léopold Gérard; 13. Albert Francken; 14. Theo Balemans; 15. Harry van Hoek (Ned); 16. Albert Gijzen (Ned); 17. Louis Duerloo at 1'30"; 18. Leo De Rijck; 19. Jef Loopmans at 2'05"; 20. Frans Huybrechts at 5'20"; 21. Louis Bollansée.

Marcel Van Schil

(°Boechout 11.09.1912-+Edegem 23.02.2008)

Marcel, a really strong guy, was a very fast rider. He was Belgian champion in the youth category, took the second place of the first Belgian Championship for beginners in 1929 and won the junior national title in 1932 in Mortsel. He turned a professional in 1936. He then won the Scheldeprijs, the race of Mechelen and was also the second in the Tour of Limburg. In 1937, he won in Herk-de-Stad and in Kontich. World War II of course disrupted his career, which he ended in 1948.

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27th SCHELDEPRIJS

July 27

There were 67 professionals in the Scheldeprijs, ready to ride twelve laps through Brasschaat and the Botermelk. Nine cyclists (Verveer, D'Hooghe, Croon, Huts, Jansen, Grysolle, Van Theemsche, Van den Driessche and Hendrickx) go into the last round with a nice advantage. Jansen could not keep up and the remaining eight sprint for the victory. With a mighty sprint Sylvain Grossele claimed the first place.

ROADMAP

12 laps around the classic circuit Schoten-Brasschaat-Schoten, 156 km.

RESULT

67 participants

1. Sylvain Grysolle, 156 km in 4h25m; 2. Michel D'Hooghe at ½ length; 3. Jef Huts; 4. Albert Hendrickx, Kampioen van Antwerpen; 5. Maurice Croon; 6. Petrus Van Theemsche; 7. Roger Van den Driessche; 8. Jan Verveer (Ned); 9. Hein Jansen (Ned) at 15"; 10. Albert Francken at 1'55"; 11. Gustave De Greef at 2'10"; 12. Maurice Raes at 4'45"; 13. August Menoë; 14. René Walschot; 15. Hubert De Geeter; 16. Leopold Vandenbossche at 6'05"; 17. Lucien Verdyck; 18. Frans Dictus; 19. Jules Geens at 7'15"; 20. Henk Peters (Ned) at 7'20"; 21. Frans Van Hassel.



Sylvain Grysolle

(°Wichelen 12.12.1915-+Aalst 19.01.1985)

Grysolle always stayed down-to-earth, but despite that he was a competitor to take into account for over fifteen seasons (1936-1950). He won the Schaal Sels twice (1935, 1936). In 1937 he won the Scheldeprijs, in 1938 the Omloop der Vlaamse Gewesten and the Championship of Flanders (Koolkamp). During World War II he added the Waalse Pijl to his record of achievements, but the icing on the cake came in 1945 when he won the Ronde van Vlaanderen. In 1948 he also finished first in the Omloop Het Volk (after Fausto Coppi was disqualified).

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28th SCHELDEPRIJS

August 2

Eighty-two riders gather for the start in Schoten. Three laps before the end only 22 riders remain: Kemps and Tersago in the lead and a peloton of 20 other riders. In the one-to-last-lap in Brasschaat the leaders had been joined by nine other riders. Dignef and De Bruyne break away from this group and Toontje Dignef wins the sprint in Schoten.

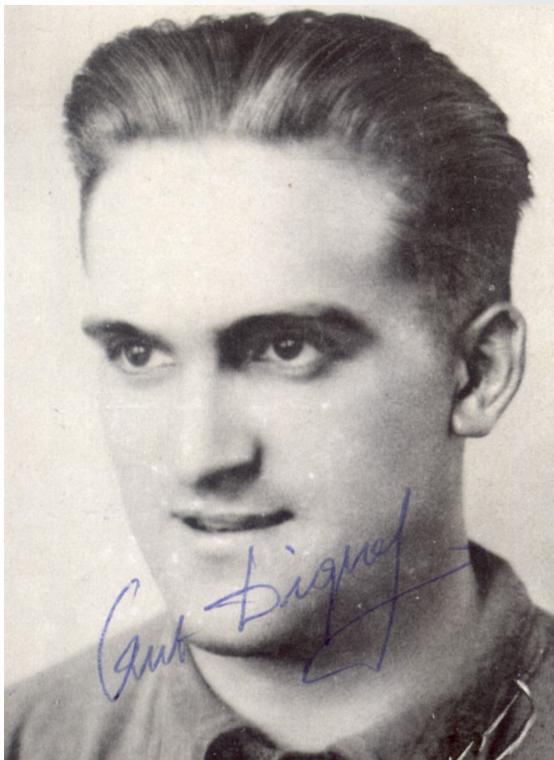
ROADMAP

12 laps Schoten-Brasschaat-Schoten, total 162 km.

RESULT

82 participants

1. Antoon Dignef, 170 km in 4h59m; 2. Aloïs De Bruyne at ½ length; 3. Achiel Buysse at 1'05"; 4. Roger Van den Driessche, *Champion of Antwerp*; 5. Lambert Janssens; 6. Leopold Vandenbossche; 7. Karel Tersago; 8. Joseph Van Genechten; 9. Richard Kemps at 2'35"; 10. Jaak De Meyer at 3'50"; 11. Remi Hendryckx; 12. Marcel Claeys at 6'25"; 13. Louis Hardiquet; 14. Frans Vinck; 15. Frans Spiessens; 16. Maurice Seynaeve; 17. Jef Loopmans; 18. Michel D'Hooghe; 19. François Binst (*very far: Het Nieuwsblad 03.08.38*); 20. Gustaaf De Greef; 21. Remi Raeyen.



Antoon Dignef

(°Velm 09.10.1910-+Sint-Truiden 09.04.1991)

Toon Dignef was the fourth of thirteen children. He lived in Landen. In 1938 he won the Scheldeprijs. He ended 26th (1933) and 20st (1935) in the Tour de France and third in the Vuelta (1935) and 2nd in Paris-Nice in the same year. Dignef was professional from 1932 until 1941 and had to stop his successful career due to WW II.

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29th SCHELDEPRIJS

August 1

The Scheldeprijs in 1939 took place a few months before the outbreak of WWII. It rained all day. The 90 participants had to ride 12 laps each of 13.5 km. On the final lap, four riders got away, of whom Achiel Buysse was by far the quickest.

ROADMAP

12 laps Schoten-Brasschaat-Schoten, total 162 km.

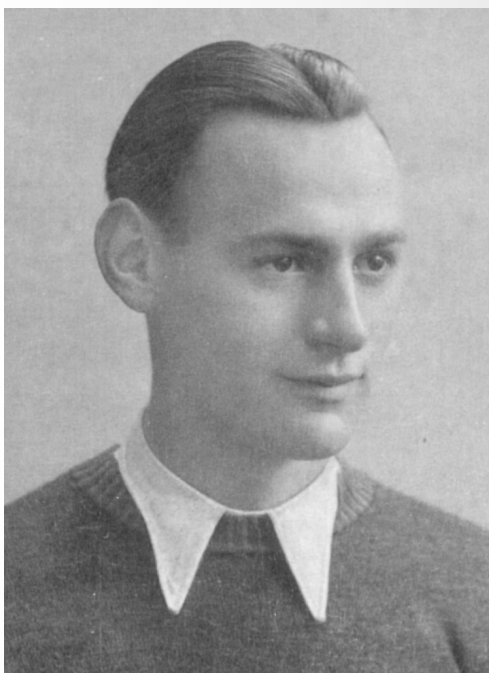


RESULT

90 participants

1. Achiel Buysse, 162 km in 4h22m; 2. Auguste Toubeau; 3. Roger Van den Driessche, Champion of Antwerp; 4. Aad van Amsterdam (Ned) at 15"; 5. Frans Van Hassel; 6. Petrus Van Teemsche; 7. Karel Thijs; 8. Joseph Van Genechten; 9. Frans Demondt; 10. August Menoe; 11. Alfons Fleurbay; 12. René Slegers; 13. Maurice Clautier at 30"; 14. Adelin Van Simaey; 15. Martin Van den Broeck; 16. Louis Noens; 17. Achiel De Backer; 18. Frans

Van Ransbeeck, 19. René Dick; 20. Leo De Rijck; 21. Camille Michiels; 22. ex-aequo: Frans Binnemans, Marinus Buroon, Antoon Cavé, Benny Clare (Gbr), André Cordier, Alfons en Gustaaf Deloor, Louis De Smedt, Sylvain Grysolle, Adriaan Heeren (Ned), Lode Janssens, Jules Kneepkens, Stan Lauwers, Jef Palmans, Frans Rijckers, Frans Schollaert, Jan Staeren, Jozef Theuns (Ned), Karel Van de Voorde, Leopold Van den Bosch, René Van Hove, Joseph Van Kerckhoven, Albert Van Tongerlo, Pieter Vermeiren.



Achiel Buysse

(°Lochristi 18.12.1918-+Wetteren 23.07.1984)

was among the better Belgian professionals, but his career was thwarted by the war. Even so, he achieved 40 victories, including the Scheldeprijs twice, the Belgian Championship and also and above all the Tour of Flanders, which he won three times and of which, together with Magni, Leman and Museeuw, he is still the record holder. He was the father-in-law of Michel Vaarten. Achiel rode professionally between 1938 and 1950. His greatest successes: 1940-41-43 Tour of Flanders; 1939-48 Scheldeprijs; 1947 Omloop der Vlaamse Gewesten; 1948 Championship of Belgium

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