



16th SCHELDEPRIJS

August 22

The Scheldeprijs was for the first time organized in Schoten!

Zander Maes, Georges Ronsse, Omer Huysse and Louis De Lannoy broke away and launched the race. In Mechelen, Dervaes, Mertens and De Lannoy, three guys from Antwerp, rode alone in the lead. The gap with the bunch reached 3 minutes at that time. The Antwerp « Musqueteers » were never caught. Talented Jef Dervaes from the city on the river Scheldt won the sprint easily.

ROADMAP

Schoten (start at 8 hour along Calixbergse Dreef, turn left over Deuzeld to 't Stadion, on the Great Road to 't Fort, the Military Road till Oude God, Kontich, Mechelen, Aalst, Oudenaarde, Kwaremont, Ronse, Ninove, Vilvoorde, Mechelen, Lier, Emblem, Boechout, Ranst, Wommelgem, Militaire Baan, Wijnegem, langs de Vogelenzang naar 's Gravenwezel, Schoten, two local laps of 14 km.
Total 275 km.



The first start in Schoten

RESULT

20 participants

1. Jef Dervaes, 275 km in 10h25m; 2. Jan Mertens, on 1 length; 3. Louis De Lannoy; 4. Zander (Alexander) Maes at 3'; 5. Maurice Dewaele at 4'; 6. Omer Huysse at 16'; 7. Georges Ronsse at 26'; 8. Gaston Reby; 9. Emile Verhaert; 10. Leo-Gerard De Graeveleyn; 11. Henri Hoevenaers at 33'; 12. Adolf Van Bruaene; 13. Oscar Voet.

Jef Dervaes

(°Wetteren 27.09.1906-+Deurne 12.04.1986)

Jef 'Pallierter' Dervaes, nicknamed '*Jef Pijp*,' was a professional rider for a rather short time (1927-1933) but he nevertheless achieved great results. He won the Belgian Championship in 1928 and, one year later, the Tour of Flanders. In 1928, he also won Brussels-Paris, the Scheldeprijs – a race he already won when he was only 19 years old! – and the Drie Zustersteden. He won the Circuit of Belgium in 1924, 1929 and 1930. He almost climbed twice on the World Championships podium as he took the fourth place in 1928 and 1929. In 1930, he became 'king of the kermises' with 11 wins. It was also the case in 1928, then with 6 victories. He ended his career in 1934 when he opted for the vibrant Antwerp nightlife.



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17th SCHELDEPRIJS

September 18

When entering Schoten Ronsse, Van Bruaene and Van Impe had a lead of 4 minutes on Verdyck, Dossche and Hoevenaers. The rest was even further behind. The three manage to stay away and in the sprint Ronsse is by far the fastest rider. The 21 year old Georges Ronsse, who had already won Paris-Roubaix that season, succeeds Jef Dervaes, his ultimate Antwerp rival!

ROADMAP

Schoten, Oostmalle, Herentals, Aarschot, Leuven, Waver, Overijse, Vier Armen, Mechelen, Lier, Boechout, Borsbeek, Deurne, Schoten and 3 laps of 14 km along Brasschaat. Total 213 km.



RESULT

22 participants

1. Georges Ronsse, 213 km in 7h35m30sec;
2. Armand Van Bruaene at 1 length;
3. Constant Van Impe at 1,5 length;
4. Rik Hoevenaers at 4'45";
5. Aimé Dossche;
6. Gust Verdyck;
7. Jef Dervaes at 13';
8. Zander (Alexander) Maes;
9. Henri Cornelis;
10. Adolf Van Bruaene;
11. Jean Wauters at 23';
12. Aimé Lievens;
13. Louis De Lannoy;
14. Adriaenssens.

Georges Ronsse

(°Antwerp 04.03.1906-+Berchem 04.07.1969)

Georges Ronsse was a super star. The Antwerpian became world champion twice (1928 and 1929), he won Bordeaux-Paris three times (1927, 1929 and 1930), Paris-Roubaix (1927), Paris-Brussels (1928), the Scheldeprijs (1927) and the GP Wolber (1930). He also became Belgian champion cyclo-cross twice (1929 and 1930), Champion of Belgium (1934, 1935 and 1936) and he was third in the Tour de France of 1932.

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18th SCHELDEPRIJS

June 10

The 18th edition of the Grand Prize Cigarettes Belga, is held on the second Sunday of June. Only 23 professional riders are starting, among them: Frans Bonduel, Fred Hamerlinck, Jef Dervaes, Georges Ronsse and home rider Gust Verdyck. Due to the bad weather, one after the other rider is eliminated and six riders break away and battle for the win in Schoten: Verbist, Hoevenaars, Mertens, Leroy, De Lannoy and Dervaes. Jef Dervaes takes the victory in Schoten and wins his 2nd Scheldeprijs.

ROADMAP

Schoten, Boom, Dendermonde, St. Niklaas, Gent, Aalst, Vilvoorde, Mechelen, Lier, Schoten and two local laps of 12,5 km. Total 230 km.



RESULT

23 participants

1. Jef Dervaes, 230 km in 8h41m; 2. André Verbiest at $\frac{1}{2}$ length ; 3. Jan Mertens; 4. Rik Hoevenaars; 5. Louis Delannoy; 6. Hector Leroy; 7. Aimé Dossche at 2'; 8. Leopold Matton at 2'30"; 9. Jules De Schepper; 10. Gust Verdyck at 6'; 11. Eduard Thysman at 25'.

Jef Dervaes

(°Wetteren 27.09.1906-+Deurne 12.04.1986)

Jef 'Pallieter' Dervaes, a.k.a 'Jef Pijp,' had a relative short (1927-1933) career as a professional rider. He was Belgium Champion in 1928 and won the Tour of Flanders one year later. In 1928 he also won Brussels-Paris and his second Scheldeprijs (1926 and 1928).

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19th SCHELDEPRIJS

July 30

Again, a date change. The Scheldeprijs moves to the Tuesday after the last Sunday in July. It is then the fair in Schoten. Without knowing it, they hit on the date that would stay the same for 37 years! The big lap through North Kempen and Turnhout region is 92 km long and there are six local laps instead of two. 52 pros take part and the race is very dull. Only the unfortunate ones remain behind and Jef Wauters beats the whole peloton in the sprint.

ROADMAP

Schoten, Kleine Bareel, Kapellen, Putte, Kalmthout, Wuustwezel, Hoogstraten, Wortel, Merksplas, Turnhout, Oostmalle, Schilde, Schoten (92 km) and six local laps (78 km) along Brasschaat.
Total 170 km.



RESULT

52 participants

1. Jef Wauters, 170 km in 5h55m; 2. André Verbiest; 3. Fred Hamerlinck; 4. Jean Aerts; 5. Louis Rolus; 6. Raymond De Corte; 7. Gust Mortelmans; 8. ex-aequo: Jules Buysse, Henri Cornelis, Alfons Deloor, Jef Dervaes, Leander Ghysse, Albert Maes, Georges Mathysens, Jan Meeuwis, Maurice Raes, Georges Ronsse, Adolf Van Bruaene,

Edmond Van Craenenbroeck, Frans Van Hassel, Gust Verdyck, Louis Verhelst, René Voorspoels.

Jef Wauters

(°Huizingen 18.02.1906-†Alsemberg 08.08.1975)

Jef Wauters was an imposing figure with big sprinter's thighs. That's why he was called the 'big one'. He rode professionally between 1926 and 1932. His best results:

1926: winner in Mézières and Amiens

1927: 1 Meiprijs Hoboken, 1st stage Tour of Belgium

1928: winner in Halle, Huizingen, Nazareth, Jodoigne, Ninove, Favor

1929: Champion of Belgium (in Brasschaat), Scheldeprijs

1930: Champion of Belgium (again in Brasschaat), 2nd in Scheldeprijs



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