



68th SCHELDEPRIJS

July 29

'Strong Ludo' from neighbouring Brecht, who had just finished eighth in the Tour de France, is having a very good day and is controlling the finale. He breaks away from a select leading group and only René Martens can follow him. However, in the sprint, the Limburger is no match for Peeters, who wins his first Scheldeprijs.

ROADMAP

Schoten, Brecht, Loenhout, Meer, Merksplas, Tielen, Geel, Herselt, Heist-op-den-Berg, Berlaar, Herentals, Pulderbos, Schoten (196 km) and 3.5 local laps in a eightshape. Total 250 km.

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GROTE SCHELDEPRIJS TE SCHOTEN

René Martens doet slavenwerk maar wordt in de spurt geklopt door Ludo Peeters

Schoten. — Voor wie er soms nog moest aan twifelen: Ludo Peeters is momenteel de beste renner die er in ons landje rondtoert. De laatste twielfdaks moet hij gisteren in de Grote Scheldeprijs wel overtuigd hebben, al was niet iedereen even enthousiast over zijn zege. En dan spreken we vooral over de koninklijke in de persoon van René Martens die met Ludo naar de meet was gegaan. Ludo deed nog maar weinig anders koprijders de laatste ronden en liet het grote werk over aan Martens, die aan de streep dan ook geklopt werd door Peeters.

Deze 68e Scheldeprijs heeft overigens een hoopje eigenaardige finale gekregen, nadat eerdermoer Claudi Créquillon er voor zorgde dat erook in de aanvangsfase nog wat te zien was geweest. De Wual maasde er reeds vanonder nu veertig kilometer in het gezelschap van Leo Van Thielon, al moest die later zijn gezelschap laten gaan. Eddy Verstraeten, Miel Gijsemans, Rudy Cottinens, Jan Baogaert, Eddy Vanhaerens, René Martens en Miel Dehaes kwamen vervolgens Claude gezelschap houden, maar Mielbaer zat er ook over de moesten onder hen niet meer in dan dat zij zich eens in eigen streek hadden getoond. En na 140 kilometer kon men met een propere lei beginnen.

Tien kilometer verder werd de rust brutaal verstoord door Roger De Vlaeminck die daar met zoveel overtuiging op de soloator ging alsof hij de kerktoren van Schoten in de verte ontwaarde. Velfien kilometer verder zou zijn voorsprong zelfs 1'45 bedragen, maar dat bleef niet even lang weeg als het er gekomen was. Op dat ogenblik begon Ludo Peeters aan zijn festival. Goed zeventig kilometer van het einde was hij aan de haal, in het sezel-

naar de achtergrond zou verdrongen worden, ging dat nu niet op, want uit de achtergrond waren inmiddels René Martens en de Nederlander Theo De Ruyt komen oplopen.

EEN STRIJD TUSSEN TWEE DULDS

In de eerste van de drie plaatselijke omlopen, telkens 18 kilometer, kwamen zij eerst bij Eddy Schepers, terwijl nog in dezelfde ronde dit trio mee aan de leiding kwam. De vijf waren Hijkbaer niet voorbereid om samen naar de meet te gaan, want een ronde verder schudde Ludo Peeters nog maar eens aan de boom. De eerste die daar als een rijpe appel afviel was de Nederlander Van Houtewingen. De enige die er gepast kon reageren was de oersterke Limburger René Martens.

En van dat moment af kregen we een hoogst eigenaardig duel te bewonderen dat kilometers lang de meest niet voor iedereen aansprekende. Aan de leiding fietste René Martens met in zijn wiel

Ludo Peeters. Amper honderd meter achterop volgden de Nederlander De Ruyt, met in zijn wiel Eddy Schepers, die zich alles behalve fristoonde. Het betekende dus een renner van de ploeg Fred De Bruyne met in zijn wiel een van de ploeg Gadeffroy, gevolgd door een renner van de ploeg Gadeffroy, met in zijn wiel iemand van Fed Debrayne. Daar achter had zich, onder aanvoering van Jos Jacobs, nog een tienkoppige achtervolgend groepje gevormd, dat echter niet vermocht de eerste twee duo's nog te bekegen. Voortaan draaide het gevecht langzaam in het voordeel van de eerste twee uit. Of moeten we zeggen van René Martens die De Ruyt kon terugslaan? Nadat de klok lang tijd ongewijzigd bleef, hap aan het einde van de tweede plaatselijke omloop het duo Peeters-Martens schokte na een korte weg van de twee achtervolgers, die uiteindelijk nog met ruim verschil werden geklopt. Dat er aan de meet niet voor iedereen gerechtvaardigd geschiedde, daarover hieldde we het hoger reeds.

Een klassiek beeld uit de finale. René Martens geeft het beste van zichzelf. Van die inspanningen profiteerde Ludo Peeters het meest, want hij won uiteindelijk in de spurt.

De aankomsten

1. Ludo Peeters de 250 km in 50.56
2. René Martens op 3"
3. Jan Kaas op 1'15"
4. Theo De Ruyt; 5. Eddy Schepers op 1'20; 6. Roger De Vlaeminck op 1'30; 7. Jos Jacobs; 8. William Tackaert; 9. Gerrie Verlinden; 10. Ferdi Van Den Haute op 1'45; 11. Charles Jochems; 12. Willy Teirlinck; 13. Jan Baogaert; 14. Eddy Van Haerens; 15. Rudy Pevenage op 2'35; 16. Patrick Lerno; 17. Dirk Gilbert; 18. Willy Vigouroux; 19. Willem Peeters; 20. Hendrik Caethoven; 21. Werner De Vos; 22. Jacques Verbrugge; 23. Eric Van De Wiele; 24. Eric Thudon; 25. Jan-Philippe Vandenberghe; 26. Roman Ongena; 27. Ronny Naets; 28. Johnny De Vull; 29. Emile Gijsemans; 30. Jan Verfallie; 31. Rudy Cottinens; 32. Patrick De Vos; 33. Patrick Pevenage; 34. Dauid Wilkens; 35. Herman Beysens; 36. Alfons De Wolf.

RESULT

146 participants

1. Ludo Peeters, 250 km in 5h56m (42,134 km/h); 2. René MarMartens at 3"; 3. Jan Raas (Ned) at 1'15"; 4. Theo de Rooij (Ned); 5. Eddy Schepers at 1'20"; 6. Roger De Vlaeminck at 1'30"; 7. Jos Jacobs; 8. William Tackaert; 9. Gery Verlinden; 10. Ferdi Van den Haute at 1'45"; 11. Charly Jochums; 12. Willy Teirlinck; 13. Jan Bogaert; 14. Eddy Vanhaerens; 15. Rudy Pevenage at 2'35"; 16. Patrick Lemo; 17. Dirk Gilbert; 18. Willy Vigouroux; 19. Willem Peeters; 20. Rik Caethoven; 21. Werner Devos; 22. Jacques Verbrugge (Ned); 23. Eric Van de Wiele; 24. Eric Thoelen; 25. Jean-Philippe Vandenbrande; 26. Ronan Onghena; 27. Ronny Naets; 28. Johnny De Nul; 29. Emiel Gijsemans; 30. Jan Verfaillie; 31. Rudy Cottenies; 32. Patrick Devos; 33. Patrick Pevenage; 34. Daniël Willems; 35. Herman Beysens; 36. Alfons De Wolf.



Ludo Peeters

(°Hoogstraten 09.08.1953)

was a strong rider, who performed best as a domestique. He won three stages in the Tour de France, wore the yellow jersey twice, and finished eighth in 1980. He won, mostly as lieutenant of Jan Raas, a whole series of classics (2x Paris-Brussels, 2x Henninger Turm, 2x Scheldeprijs, Blois-Chaville, the Zurich Championship, Kuurne-Brussels-Kuurne) but the absolute peak was not for him. He narrowly missed winning Paris-Roubaix. Even so, Ludo had a long and splendid professional career (1974-1990).

René Vermeiren



69th SCHELDEPRIJS

July 28

After a long circuit of 194 km (through Hoogstraten, Geel, Scherpenheuvel, Heist-op-den-Berg, Herentals) where a many kilometers break took place with amongst other riders Gerrie Knetemann, three local laps were left to go. The race started again there. Twenty five riders went in a breakaway and at one km and a half from the finishing line, Ad Wijnants attacked alone. Nobody was able to catch him.

ROADMAP

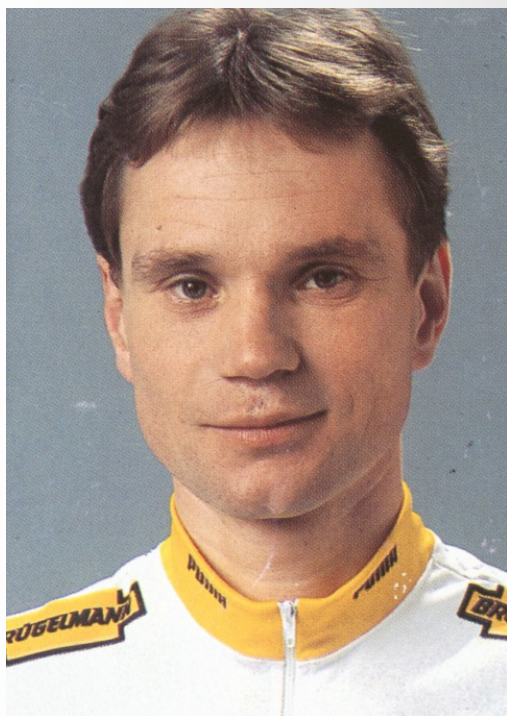
Schoten, Brecht, Loenhout, Hoogstraten, Beerse, Geel, Scherpenheuvel, Heist op-den-Berg, Herentals, Pulderbos, Zandhoven, Zoersel, Schilde, St. Job, 's-Gravenwezel, Schoten (194 km) and 3,5 local laps in an eight shape. Total 242 km.



RESULT

120 participants

1. Ad Wijnands (Ned), 242 km in 5h38m (42,958 km/h); 2. Willy Teirlinck at 10"; 3. Jos Jacobs at 25"; 4. Adrie van der Poel (Ned); 5. Adrie van Houwelingen (Ned); 6. Leo Van Thielen; 7. Johan van der Velde (Ned); 8. Robert McIntosh (Nzl); 9. Gery Verlinden; 10. Frank Hoste; 11. Marc Van Geel at 50"; 12. René Martens; 13. Rudy Cottenies; 14. Herman Beyssens; 15. Jan Bogaert; 16. Guido Van Swevelt; 17. Marcel Laurens; 18. Ludwig Wijnants; 19. Peter Kehl (Dui); 20. Jos Van de Poel; 21. Willem Peeters; 22. Jacques Hanegraaf (Ned); 23. Ronan De Meyer; 24. Ludo Frijns; 25. Ludo Schurgers; 26. Frans Van Vlierberghe; 27. Etienne Van der Helst; 28. Ludo Peeters; 29. René Van Gils; 30. Johnny De Nul; 31. Gary Wiggins (Gbr); 32. Jean-Philippe Vandenbrande; 33. Patrick Vermeulen; 34. Hennie Kuiper (Ned); 35. Werner Devos; 36. Marc Moens; 37. Guido Van Calster; 38. Luc Desmet; 39. Jan Wijnants; 40. Guy Janiszewski.



Ad Wijnands (°Maastricht 10.03.1959)

Adje, Adje Patatje. He was a professional during fourteen years. Even if he was not the best rider of his generation, he nevertheless was a very important one in the years 80. 1981 was maybe his best season: two stages in the Tour, the Scheldeprijs, the Tour of Belgium and victories in Heverlee, Boxmeer, Sijpeld, Voerendaal as well as a stage win in the Star of Bessèges. That same year he also finished the 2nd in the GP Cerami and the 5th in the Flèche Walloon! In '82 he won the GP Dortmund, in '84 the GP Impanis, in '86 the Tour of Limburg and the 1 May race in Hoboken, in '88 the GP Bessèges, in '90 the GP Benego, in '91 the Star of Bessèges. Adje won a Total of 49 professional races on the road. In '81 and '82 he won the Six days of Maastricht (associated with René Pijnen). In '84

he chooses to follow Raas when this one decided not to stay with Peter Post.

After his career he managed a garden center ('de Winhof') in Eijsden and he also made some studies to get a cycling coach diploma.

René Vermeiren



70th SCHELDEPRIJS

July 27

Due to the Football World Cup in 1982, the Tour de France finishes on July 25. The day after the criterium period is launched. The Scheldeprijs was supposed to be organized on Tuesday 27, which was a problem as the Criterium of Ronse was planned on the same day. The Scheldeprijs organizers deny postponing their event as it is linked to the local feast in their city. What they do however is to cancel the big lap. The event is raced on the small laps only.

62 riders take the start and the race is rather animated. Ludo Schurgers and Jan Nevens break from an eleven-man group. The rider from Limburg is the fastest and wins the sprint.

ROADMAP

11 local laps of 16 km, 176 km total.



RESULT

62 participants

1. Ludo Schurgers, 175 km in 3h55m (43,666 km/h); 2. Jan Nevens; 3; Charly Jochums at 11"; 4. Patrick Hermans; 5. Kurt Dockx; 6. Ronny Naets; 7. Pierrot Cuypers; 8. Dirk Heirweg; 9. Willy Scheers; 10. Jos Van de Poel; 11. Gerrit Van Gestel; 12. Jan Bogaert at 1'; 13. Johan Wellens; 14. Willy Vigouroux; 15. Steve Jones (Gbr); 16. Johnny De Nul; 17. Etienne De Beule at 1'30"; 18. Leo Wellens; 19. Marc Moens; 20. Frits Pirard (Ned) at 1'40"; 21. Patrick Wijffels; 22. Gerard Blockx; 23. Marc Van den Brande; 24. Emiel Gijsemans; 25. Rudy Cottenies; 26. Patrick Lerno; 27. Jos Haex; 28. Ronan Onghena; 29. Rudi Bormans; 30. Jacques Hanegraaf (Ned).



Ludo Schurgers

(°Bree 15.10.1955)

Ludo was a deserving rider. He was a professional between 1978 and 1988. He won 16 races in that category. In 1983 he took place two in the Scheldeprijs (behind Jan Bogaert). Before turning a professional, he won the Belgian Military Championship (1975) and the Het Volk Circuit (1977).

René Vermeiren



71st SCHELDEPRIJS

August 2

89 riders present themselves at the start of the 71st edition of the Scheldeprijs. Marc Van Geel and Leo Wellens attacked on the big loop. But Wellens is dropped behind and it is then Jean-Marie Wampers' turn to attack. But no way for this rider! Lieckens, Van der Helst, Godimus, Luc Colijn and neo-professional Herman Frison go also in the break but the bunch has no intention to let them go. Massive sprint is unavoidable and Jan Bogaert, a rider native from the Belgian region of Waes is the fastest on the line. Let's note that previous year winner Ludo Schurgers takes this time the second place.

ROADMAP

Schoten, Brecht, Loenhout, Hoogstraten, Rijkevorsel, Beerse, Kasterlee, Geel, Westerlo, Scherpenheuvel, Heist-op-den-Berg, Nijlen, Herentals, Zandshoven, Zoersel, Schilde, St. Job, Schoten and 3,5 local laps in an eight shape. Total 242 km.



Jan Bogaert felicitated by Ronald De Witte, his sports director

RESULT

89 participants

1. Jan Bogaert, 242 km in 5h46m (41,965 km/h); 2. Ludo Schurgers; 3. Frank Hoste; 4. Emiel Gijsemans; 5. Werner Devos; 6. Mario van Vlimmeren (Ned); 7. Marc Van den Brande; 8. Ronan De Meyer; 9. Eddy Vanhaerens; 10. Romain Costermans; 11. Willy Teirlinck; 12. Alain Desaever; 13. Jean-Philippe Vandenbrande; 14. Mario Mariotti (Ita); 15. Noël Segers;
16. Herman Frison; 17. Rudy Cottenies; 18. Ex-aequo: Gerard Blockx, Patrick Cocquyt, Luc Colyn, Raoul Bruyndonckx, Guido Beyens, Francis De Ridder, Michel Dernies, Alain Deroo, Ludo Frijns, Eric Gijsemans, Jan Jonkers (Ned), Patrick Hermans, Emile Kersten (Ned), Jos Haex, Eric McKenzie (Nzl), Dominique Naessens, Daniël Rossel, Erik Staes, Ronny Penxten, Ronny Van Holen, Aad van den Hoek (Ned), Jaak van Hooijdonck (Ned), Patrick Vermeulen, Etienne Van der Helst, Benny Van Brabant, Patrick Versluys, Marcel Van der Slagmolen, Dirk Wayenberg, Jean-Marie Wampers, Daniël Willems, Stan Tourné; 49. Dirk Heirweg; 50. Walter Schoonjans; 51. Christian Wauters; 52. Jacques van Meer (Ned); 53. Marc Sergeant; 54. Marc Somers; 55. Hendrik Devos; 56. Benny Vanderauwera; 57. Claude Criquiellion; 58. Rudy Dhaenens; 59. Rudy Matthys; 60. Eric Vandeperre; 61. Yves Godimus; 62. Gerrit Van Gestel; 63. Frans Van Vlierberghe; 64. Eddy Schepers; 65. Gery Verlinden; 66. Jef Lieckens; 67. Paul Haghedooren; 68. Jos Gijsemans; 69. Luc Govaerts.



Jan Bogaert (°Temse 03.12.1957)

This rider native from the Belgian region of Waes was an all-rounder. He was really fast in the sprint and also very performing in short distance time-trials. He won 247 races during his 22 years long career, including 115 in the professional category. In 1990 he won 17 races and was awarded for being the rider who won the greater number of international victories. Amongst many other races, he won the E3-Prize in Harelbeke and the Three Days of De Panne in '81 and the Scheldeprijs in '83.

René Vermeiren



72nd SCHELDEPRIJS

July 31

112 riders present themselves at the start of the 72nd edition of the Scheldeprijs. Eleven riders (Dexters, Schlaphoff, Luyten, Van Oyen, Rossel, Cambier, Dhaenens, Walter Planckaert, Frison, Manders and Segers) go early in the break. Henri Manders is the only want resisting in the lead in the final part of the race. Ludwig Wijnants indeed bridges the gap with Manders with Ludo Peeters, Wekema, Aerts, Wampers and Van Vliet in his wheel. Strong Ludo is then the one who goes alone in the lead. He attacked four times and the fourth time is the good one. Alone against the wind alongside the Albert Canal, he is able to resist till the finishing line and wins his second Scheldeprijs!

ROADMAP

Schoten, St.Job, Brecht, Loenhout, Meer, Wortel, Merksplas, Beerse, Vosselaar, Lille, Kasterlee, Geel, Olen, Westerlo, Herselt, Hulshout, Heist op-den-Berg, Berlaar, Nijlen, Herenthout, Herentals, Grobbendonk, Zandhoven, Pulderbos, Halle, Schilde, St. Job, 's-Gravenwezel, Schoten and 3,5 local laps. Total 242 km.



RESULT

112 participants

1. Ludo Peeters, 244 km in 5h58m (40,893 km/h); 2. Jean-Marie Wampers at 33"; 3. Ludwig Wijnants at 50"; 4. Teun van Vliet (Ned); 5. Bert Wekema (Ned); 6. Stefan Aerts; 7. Ronny Van Hoken at 2'; 8. Luc Govaerts; 9. Walter Planckaert at 2'15"; 10. William Tackaert; 11. Patrick Vermeulen; 12. Jan Raas (Ned); 13. Eddy Vanhaerens; 14. Marc Vercammen; 15. Gerrit Solleveld (Ned); 16. Eddy Van Hoof; 17. Herman Frison; 18. Rudy Dhaenens; 19. Pol Verschuere; 20. Ludo Schurgers; 21. Didi Foubert; 22. Guido Beyens; 23. Jan Bogaert; 24. Christian Wauters; 25. Jan Wijnants; 26. Jan Van Camp; 27. Jos Jacobs; 28. Daniël Rossel; 29. Gery Verlinden; 30. Gert-Jan Theunisse (Ned); 31. Rudy Dexters; 32. Stéphan Morjean; 33. Jacques Cambier; 34. Dominique Turcksin; 35. Eric Van Lancker; 36. Luc Colyn; 37. Willy Teirlinck; 38. Raoul Bruyndonckx.



Ludo Peeters

(°Hoogstraten 09.08.1953)

Ludo Peeters was a really strong rider which most of the time worked in the shadows. He won three stages in the Tour de France, wore twice the yellow jersey and was eighth overall in 1980. Even if starting like Jan Raas' team-mate and never was a real leader, he won several classics (2 x Paris-Brussels, 2 x the Henninger Turm, 2 x the Scheldeprijs, Blois-Chaville, the Championship of Zürich, Kuurne-Brussels-Kuurne). He almost won Paris-Roubaix but could not do it. Anyway he achieved a brilliant and long professional career (1974-1990).

René Vermeiren



73rd SCHELDEPRIJS

July 30

After the traditional early breakaway was caught by a 40-man group, Adrie van der Poel, William Tackaert, Gert Jakobs and Johan Lammerts went in the break. But the collaboration was everything but excellent between those riders and that meant the end of the break. Van der Poel attacked again in the final lap. Ludwig Wijnants bridged the gap but he was not strong enough to be able to beat fast Adrie.

ROADMAP

Schoten, St. Job, Brecht, Rijkevorsel, Merksplas, Beerse, Lille, Kasterlee, Geel, Olen, Westerlo, Herselt, Aarschot (Schoonhovendreef), Rillaar (Houwaertseberg), Holsbeek (Chartreuse), Rotselaar, Werchter, Tremelo, Heist-op-den-Berg, Herenthout, Grobbendonk, Pulle, Pulderbos, Oelegem, Schilde, Wijnegem, 's-Gravenwezel, Schoten (183 km) and 3,5 local laps. Total 238 km.



Photo François Buys-

RESULT

116 participants

1. Adrie van der Poel (Ned), 235 km in 6h2m20s (38,838 km/h); 2. Ludwig Wijnants⁽¹⁾ at 3"; 3. Marc Sergeant⁽¹⁾ at 35"; 4. Jef Lieckens⁽¹⁾ at 55"; 5. William Tackaert; 6. Werner Devos; 7. Eddy Planckaert; 8. Leo van Vliet (Ned); 9. Francis Vermaelen; 10. Etienne De Wilde; 11. Toine Poels (Ned); 12. Marc Van Geel; 13. Luc Colyn; 14. Herman Frison; 15. Adrie van Houwelingen (Ned); 16. Hans Daams (Ned); 17. Eddy Van Hoof; 18. Jan Van Camp; 19. Jan Wijnants; 20. Filip Cottenies; 21. Ludo Peeters; 22. Raoul Bruyndonckx; 23. Willem Wijnant; 24. Jan van Houwelingen (Ned); 25. Alois Wouters; 26. Eric Van Lancker; 27. Peter Van Impe; 28. Jan Nevens; 29. André Meeuwissen; 30. Roger Ilegems; 31. Franky Van Oyen; 32. Jos Jacobs; 33. René Martens; 34. Fritz van Bindsbergen (Ned); 35. Marc Somers; 36. Marc Vercammen; 37. Jan Bogaert; 38. Didi Foubert; 39. Danny Lippens; 40. Walter Planckaert.

⁽¹⁾ After the disqualification of Wijnants and Sergeant, according to the regulations in force, Jef Lieckens is second in the official result and the places three and four remain unoccupied. From the fifth place the result is unchanged.



Adrie van der Poel (°Bergen op Zoom 17.06.1959)

Adrie was a professional rider between 1981 and 2000, which means a 20 years career! He won the Championship of the Netherlands in '87, the Championship of Zurich in '82, Paris-Brussels in '85, the Scheldeprijs in '85, the Clásica San Sebastian in '85, the Tour of Flanders in '86, Créteil-Chaville in '87, Liège-Bastogne-Liège in '88, the Amstel Gold Race in '90. He took part in ten Tour winning two stages. He was also a cyclo-cross specialist and after he finished six times on the second step of the podium in the World Championship, he finally won the gold medal in 1996.

René Vermeiren



74th SCHELDEPRIJS

August 25

Radical change of date for the Scheldeprijs that was moved to a Tuesday of the month of August. Nevertheless, it was obvious that this change of date was not the ideal solution.

120 riders came to the start. Erwin Nijboer and Jelle Nijdam stayed nothing less than 193 km in the lead. After a few counter-attacks, the bunch was packed together again at 15 km from the finish. The race ended with a massive sprint and Jean-Paul van Poppel did not let the shadow of a chance to Wim Arras and Eric Vanderaerden.

ROADMAP

Schoten, Brecht, Rijkevorsel, Merksplas, Beerse, Lille, Geel, Westerlo, Aarschot, Schoonhovendreef, Rillaar, Houwaertseberg, Holsbeek, Chartreuseberg, Rotselaar, Tremelo, Heist-op-den-Berg, Herenthout, Grobbendonk, Zandhoven, Ranst, Schilde, Schoten and 3,5 local laps in eighth shape. Total 249 km.



Photo François Buysens

RESULT

120 participants

1. Jean-Paul van Poppel (Ned), 249 km in 6h (41,500 km/h); 2. Wim Arras; 3. Eric Vanderaerden; 4. Johan Capiot; 5. Ad Wijnands(Ned); 6. Mario Mariotti (Ita); 7. Dirk Demol; 8. Luc De Decker; 9. Werner Devos; 10. Luc Govaerts; 11. Jan Bogaert; 12. Ludo Frijns; 13. Marco van der Hulst (Ned); 14. René Beuker (Ned); 15. Willy Teirlinck; 16. Theo Smit (Ned); 17. Stephan Van Leeuwe; 18. Ludo Schurgers; 19. Frits Pirard (Ned); 20. Eddy Vanhaerens; 21. Wilfried Peeters; 22. Jan Goessens; 23. Wim Meijer (Ned); 24. Patrick Deneut; 25. Dirk Heirweg; 26. Michel Goffin; 27. Jan Siemons (Ned); 28. Patrick Verschueren; 29. Ronny Vlassaks; 30. Luc Desmet; 31. William Tackaert; 32. Wim Van Eynde; 33. Yves Godimus; 34. Ludwig Wijnants; 35. Santiago Izuzquia (Spa); 36. Etienne De Beule; 37. Cees Priem (Ned); 38. Jacques Hanegraaf (Ned); 39. Patrick Cocquyt; 40. Etienne De Wilde.



Jean-Paul van Poppel

(°Tilburg 30.09.1962)

van Poppel was one of the best sprinters of his generation. Among his main victories in one-day races we find two Scheldeprijs: in 1986 and in 1988. He also won the Tour of Middle-Zeeland in 1987, Veenendaal-Veenendaal in 1989, 9 stages in the Tour as well as the points classification (green jersey) in 1987. He moreover won 9 stages in the Vuelta and 4 in the Giro. Jean-Paul was a professional rider between 1985 and 1995.

René Vermeiren



75th SCHELDEPRIJS

April 28

For the first time in the history, the Scheldeprijs takes place in the month of April. The 137 participants start the race on a beautiful day. On the cobblestones of Pulderbos a group of 27 cyclists separates itself from the peloton. And it will prove later that they had chosen the right escape. Phil Anderson tried an ultimate attack, but eventually it turns out to be a sprint once again. Etienne De Wilde defeats, somewhat surprisingly last year's winner, Jean-Paul van Poppel.

ROADMAP

Schoten, Brecht, Rijkevorsel, Kasterlee, Geel, Westerlo, Aarschot, Schoonhovendreef, Steentje, Tielt-Winge, Aarschot, Rotselaar, Lubbeek, Chartreuse, Tremelo, Heist-op-den-Berg, Herenthout, Grobbendonk, Pulle, Pulderbos, Oelegem, 's-Gravenwezel, Schoten (208 km) and 2,5 local laps. Total 247 km.



Photo François Buysens

RESULT

137 participants

1. Etienne De Wilde, 247 km in 6h00m30s (41,109 km/h); 2. Jean-Paul van Poppel (Ned); 3. Marnix Lameire; 4. Teun van Vliet (Ned); 5. Mathieu Hermans (Ned); 6. Peter Pieters (Ned); 7. Marcel Arntz (Ned); 8. Jef Lieckens; 9. Jesper Skibby (Den); 10. Marc Dierickx; 11. Ludwig Wijnants; 12. Walter Van den Branden; 13. John Talen (Ned); 14. Dirk Heirweg; 15. Geert Van de Walle;
16. Rudy Patry; 17. Jean-Marie Wampers; 18. Guy Nulens; 19. Alain De Roo; 20. Bruno Geuens; 21. Willem Wijnant; 22. Ludo Peeters; 23. Peter Roes; 24. Ludo De Keulenaer; 25. Ad Wijnands (Ned) at 14"; 26. Phil Anderson (Aus) at 24"; 27. Gert Jakobs (Ned); 28. Jean-Pierre Heynderickx at 6'58"; 29. Geert Decorte; 30. Gerrie Knetemann (Ned).



Etienne De Wilde

(°Wetteren 25.03.1958)

His career can be split up in two periods: the first one on the road and the second on the track. In both disciplines he excelled. As cyclist he won the Championship of Belgium (1988), the Omloop Het Volk (1989) and Dwars Door België (1983). He also won two stages in the Tour and the Vuelta. On the track Etienne became world champion individually (1993) and with the team (1998 with Gilmore) and he also won a silver medal with Gilmore at the Olympics in Sydney (2000). He was a true six-day track specialist and won 38 races.

René Vermeiren



76th SCHELDEPRIJS

April 26

With 172 riders the start list of this edition is the strongest ever. This Scheldeprijs proves that a strong riders field doesn't automatically guarantee an engaging race. The only fact worth mentioning, other than a long solo of Ludo Giesberts, is the sprint of the 108, out of 172, riders. Jean-Paul van Poppel is again the fastest and wins this edition of the Scheldeprijs.

ROADMAP Schoten, Rijkevorsel, Merksplas, Beerse, Wechelderzande, Lichtaart, Herselt, Langdorp, Schoonhovendreef, Tielt-Winge, Houwaertseberg, Linden, Kessel-Lo, Chartreuse, Werchter, Schriek, Heist-op-den-Berg, Herenthout, Pulle, Oelegem, 's-Gravenwezel, Schoten and nog 2,5 local laps. Total 249 km.



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RESULT

172 participants

1. Jean-Paul van Poppel (Ned), 249 km in 6h12m (40,161 km/h); 2. Eddy Planckaert; 3. Hans Daams (Ned); 4. Marcel Arntz (Ned); 5. Frank Pirard (Ned); 6. Wiebren Veenstra (Ned); 7. Eric Vanderaerden; 8. Werner Devos; 9. Marnix Lameire; 10. Hendrik Redant; 11. Carlo Bomans; 12. Phil Anderson (Aus); 13. Johan Capiot; 14. Jan Wijnants; 15. Herman Frison; 16. Etienne De Wilde; 17. Jos Haex; 18. Filip Cottenies; 19. Edwin Bafcop; 20. Teun van Vliet (Ned); 21. Kim Eriksen (Den); 22. Leon Nevels (Ned); 23. Ad Wijnands (Ned); 24. Eddy Schurer (Ned); 25. Walter Van den Branden; 26. Jan Goessens; 27. Jean-Marie Vernie; 28. Yves Godimus; 29. Stefan Van Leeuwe; 30. Peter Pieters (Ned); 31. Koen Vekemans; 32. Steve Tilford (Usa); 33. Jan Bogaert; 34. Patrik Bol (Ned); 35. Geert Van de Walle; 36. Chris Scharmin; 37. Koen Van Rooy; 38. Rudy Rogiers; 39. Armando Ceci; 40. Patrick Verschueren; 41. X; 42. Jacques Hanegraaf (Ned); 43. André Lurquin; 44. Jean-Philippe Vandenbrande; 45. Michel Dernies; 46. Jerry Cooman; 47. Rudy Vanderhaegen; 48. Volker Diehl (Dui); 49. Jean-Marc Van den Berghe; 50. Marc Van Orsouw (Ned); 51. Dirk Heirweg; 52. X ; 53. John van den Akker (Ned); 54. Patrik Tolhoek (Ned); 55. Henk Lubberding (Ned); 56. Frank Hoste; 57. Jelle Nijdam (Ned); 58. X; 59. Davis Phinney (Usa); 60. Bruno Geuens; 61. X; 62. Toine Poels (Ned); 63. Thierry Marie (Fra); 64. Danny Janssens; 65. Alex Stieda (Can); 66. Jos Lammertink (Ned); 67. Alfons De Wolf; 68. Sören Lilholt (Den); 69. Maarten Ducrot (Ned); 70. Peter Roes; 71. Guy Rooms; 72. Johan Museeuw; 73. Andy Bishop (Usa); 74. Jean-Marie Wampers; 75. Romain Costermans; 76. Joseph Parkin (Usa); 77. Rob Kleinsman (Ned); 78. X; 79. Werner Wieme (Ned); 80. Jan Habets (Ned); 81. Dag-Otto Lauritzen (Noo); 82. Johannes Draaijer (Ned); 83. X; 84. Daan Luyckx (Ned); 85. Ludwig Willems; 86. Wim Van Eynde; 87. Gino De Backer; 88. Dirk Wayenberg; 89. Johan Bruyneel; 90. Marc Maertens; 91. Peter Hoondert (Ned); 92. Marc Dierickx; 93. Peter Harings (Ned); 94. Corné van Rijen (Ned); 95. Anjo van Loon (Ned); 96. Alain Deroo; 97. Theo Muis (Ned); 98. Patrick Roelant; 99. Dirk Dewolf; 100. Eric Guyot (Fra); 101. Tom Brosonowski (Usa); 102. Dirk Demol; 103. Edwig Van Hooydonck; 104. Jos Op 't Eyndt; 105. Paul Watson (Gbr); 106. Roland Gunther (Dui); 107. Jacques Decrion (Fra); 108. Ronny Westerlinck.



Jean-Paul van Poppel (°Tilburg 30.09.1962)

Van Poppel was one of the best sprinters of his generation. His major wins: twice the Scheldprijz, 1986 and 1988. Tour of Midden-Zeeland 1987, Veenendaal-Veenendaal 1989. Nine stages and winner of the green jersey in the Tour de France of 1987. Next to this he also won nine stages in the Vuelta and four in the Giro d'Italia. He was professional from 1985 until 1995.

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77th SCHELDEPRIJS

April 19

In 1989, the Scheldeprijs took place in the spring and one of the great standouts of that classic spring was Jean-Marie Wampers. He had just won Paris-Roubaix and now he found himself at the front with Frank Hoste in the finale of the Scheldeprijs.

In the final sprint, the native of Brussels was by far the strongest.

ROADMAP

Schoten, Schilde, Zoersel, Zandhoven, Grobbendonk, Herentals, Olen, Westerlo, Herselt, Aarschot, Schoonhovendreef, Tielt-Winge, Houwaertseberg, Holsbeek, Rotselaar, Wakkerzeel, Rotselaar, Tremelo, Schriek, Heist-op-den-Berg, Herenthout, Grobbendonk, Pulle, Pulderbos, Zandhoven, Ranst, Oelegem, Schilde, 's-Gravenwezel, Schoten, 2.5 local laps. Total 200 km.



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RESULT

136 participants

1. Jean-Marie Wampers, 199 km in 4h47m37s (41,870 km/h); 2. Frank Hoste at 1"; 3. John van den Akker (Ned) at 1'40"; 4. Eric Vanderaerden; 5. Wiebren Veenstra (Ned); 6. Adrie van der Poel (Ned); 7. Remig Stumpf (Dui); 8. Herman Frison; 9. Etienne De Wilde; 10. Hans Daams (Ned); 11. Eddy Planckaert; 12. Camillo Passera (Ita); 13. Peter Harings (Ned); 14. Patrick Deneut; 15. Johan Lammerts (Ned); 16. Koen Van Rooy; 17. Tom Cordes (Ned); 18. Hendrik Redant; 19. Jean-Marc Van den Berghe; 20. Jan Bogaert; 21. Wilfried Peeters; 22. Rudy Rogiers; 23. Phil Anderson (Aus); 24. Peter Spaenhoven; 25. Francis Jansegers; 26. Nathan Dahlberg (Nzl); 27. Rudi Dexters; 28. Jan Wijnants; 29. Gino De Backer; 30. Dirk Wayenberg; 31. Filip Van Vooren; 32. Rob Harmeling (Ned); 33. Werner Stauff (Dui); 34. Henri Mannaerts; 35. Ad Wijnands (Ned); 36. Luc Desmet; 37. Marc Sprangers; 38. Cees Hopmans (Ned); 39. Guy Nulens; 40. Dag-Otto Lauritzen (Noo); 41. Jean-Marie Vernie; 42. Jelle Nijdam (Ned); 43. Teun van Vliet (Ned); 44. Danny Janssens; 45. Toine Poels (Ned); 46. Ludo Peeters; 47. Jef Lieckens; 48. Johan De Vos; 49. Alan Peiper (Aus); 50. Alfred Achermann (Zwi).



Jean-Marie Wampers (°Ukkel 07.04.1959)

was a classy rider who had a successful career. He rode professionally between 1981 and 1992. His best achievements: in 1980 Amateur Champion of Belgium, in 1986 and 1989 he won the Henninger Turm, in 1989 Paris-Roubaix and the Scheldeprijs, in 1985 Putte-Kapellen, in 1984 the Druivenkoers Overijse, in 1986 Omloop Leiedal Bavikhove. Jean-Marie is still to be found at many races now, accompanying guests of Quick Step.

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