



50th SCHELDEPRIJS

July 31

90 riders will take the start of the race but with a twenty minutes delay as a big traffic jam in so-called 'rabbit pipe' made it impossible for riders coming from East and West Flanders to arrive on time in Schoten. André Noyelle, Robert De Middeleir and Pol Rosseel arrived even later and can definitely not start. Peet Oellibrandt is the last one to take place in the bunch on the start line but today the last shall be first! Peet Oellibrandt and John Van Tongerlo break together in the final; Vic Van Schil counter-attacks, but too late. Peet is faster than John and wins the 'golden' Scheldeprijs, which is in fact his second win in Schoten.

ROADMAP

Schoten, Brecht, Hoogstraten, Beerse, Kasterlee, Mol, Meerhout, Westerlo, Tongerlo, Herentals, Grobbendonk, Nijlen, Emblem, Lier, Boechout, Borsbeek, Wijnegem, 's-Gravenwezel, Schoten (150 km) and four local laps, total 227 km.



RESULT

90 participants

1. Petrus Oellibrandt, 220 km in 5h45m15s (38,233 km/h); 2. John Van Tongerloo, *Champion of Antwerp*; 3. Vic Van Schil at 100 meters; 4. Jos Wouters at 15"; 5. Oswald De Clercq; 6. Willy Butzen; 7. Gustaaf De Smet; 8. Jos De Wolf; 9. Willy Derboven; 10. Karel De Laet; 11. Frans Schoubben; 12. Marcel Janssens; 13. Lode Troonbeeckx; 14. Ludo Janssens; 15. Robert Seneca; 16. Julien Schepens; 17. Rik Scharlaeckens; 18. Constant Goossens; 19. Guillaume Michiels; 20. Georges Van Maeckelberghe; 21. Leon Sebregts (Ned); 22. Adolf De Waele; 23. José Thumas; 24. Jan Van Gompel; 25. Antoon Van der Steen (Ned); 26. Juul Mertens; 27. Arnould Flécy; 28. Laurent Christiaens; 29. Jos Van den Broeck; 30. René Van Meenen; 31. Louis Veraghtert; 32. Raymond Vrancken; 33. Jan Storms; 34. Emiel Severeyns; 35. Maurits Joosen; 36. Frans Van Immerseel; 37. Frans Aerenhouts; 38. Fons Hermans; 39. Willy Truye; 40. Marcel Buys; 41. André Van Houtven; 42. Roger Verlee; 43. Jos Geurts; 44. Jan Callaerts; 45. Eddy Pauwels; 46. Constant de Keyser; 47. Leon Gevaert; 48. Roger De Breucker; 49. Jan Palmans; 50. Karel Borgmans; 51. Roger De Coninck; 52. Karel Clerckx; 53. Elias Van Poucke; 54. Marcel Van den Bogaert; 55. Willy Schroeders; 56. Louis Proost; 57. Victor Desmeth.



Petrus 'Peet' Oellibrandt

(°Beveren-Waas 01.12.1935 - +Sint-Niklaas 15.06.2014)

He was a very strong rider in one-day races. He achieved his biggest win in 1959 when he won the Belgian Championship in Herentals, on the still young 'Emperor's doorstep. Rik Van Looy achieved a long breakaway earlier that day but he was caught on the local laps. In 2011 Mark Cavendish summed three victories too in the Scheldeprijs and equaled Oellibrandt's record. Since 2016, Marcel Kittel is the new and only record holder with his fourth Scheldeprijs victory, followed by a fifth victory in 2017.

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