



# 40th SCHELDEPRIJS

July 29

It is raining hard at the start. 76 riders are ready to go and all the best Belgian riders are present, with Rik Van Steenbergen in the front row. Just before starting the last local lap, Van Staeyen, from Schoten, is alone in the lead. The gap with the bunch reaches 30". Unfortunately he is caught up. In the meantime, Briek Schotte and Rik Van Steenbergen were both the victims of a puncture. They are as a consequence not able to sprint for victory and Roger De Corte wins the event for the second time.

## ROADMAP

Schoten, Schilde, Oostmalle, Turnhout, Geel, Veerle, Diest, Aarschot, Heist-op-den-Berg, Lier, Schoten and three local laps, total 213 km.



## RESULT

76 participants

1. Roger De Corte, 213 km in 5h36m; 2. Karel De Baere at 1 length; 3. Nest Sterckx, *Champion of Antwerp*; 4. Gaston De Wachter; 5. Louis Brusselmans; 6. Frans Sterckx; 7. Gerard Buyl; 8. Jos De Feyter; 9. Jef Schils; 10. Valeer Ollivier; 11. Marcel Ryckaert; 12. Lode Poels; 13. Frans Loyaerts; 14. Stan Verschueren; 15. Ex-aequo: Roger De Cock, Leon Delathouwer, Gilbert Desmet I, Marcel Dierckens (Lux), Louis Elaerts, Gustaaf Haxelmans, Rik Jochums, Willem Labaere, Lucien Mathys, René Meeuwis, Jozef Mertens, Léopold Schaecken, Rik Serin, Jef Van Staeyen, Jan (Hervé) Theuns (Ned) and Edward Desmedt; 31. Adrie Suykerbuyk (Ned); 32. Karel Leysen; 33. Lode Van der Auwera.



## Roger De Corte

(°Waarschoot 08.08.1923-+Waarschoot  
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was one of the best riders on the road as well as on the track. He was a professional between 1944 and 1961 and won many races. Most of them in the sprint.

Those are some of the many races he won:

1946: Drie Zustersteden ('Three Sister Cities')

1947: Championship of Flanders Koolkamp

1949-52: Scheldeprijs

1950: stages in the Tour of Belgium and Germany

1954: 2nd in the Het Volk Circuit

1958: 3rd in the Het Volk Circuit

On the track, he took part in many Six-Day events. After his career, Roger became the national coach and was also during many years a very popular deputy mayor in Waarschoot.

Roger's father, Raymond (1898-1972), was also a professional rider (he won amongst other races two stages in the Tour 1927).

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