



32nd SCHELDEPRIJS

July 25

Many riders – 79 – take the start of the event. The pace is fast from the very beginning and it goes on like that till the end. Jef Somers is for sure the most aggressive rider that day and he makes part of almost every break even if the bunch catches them every time. Martin Van den Broeck (Lebbeke) is the last one to try and go but no way for him also. Eloi Meulenberg, 1937 World Champion, wins easily the race thanks to an impressive sprint finish.

ROADMAP

Schoten, Kapellen, Kalmthout, Wuustwezel, Hoogstraten, Turnhout, Mol, Geel, Herentals, Oostmalle, Schilde, 's-Gravenwezel, Schoten and one local lap, total 175 km.



Eloi Meulenberg is clearly the fastest. The finist is situated on the Etabl. Eug. Herbosch, Th. Van Cauwenberghslei 2.

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79 participants

1. Eloi Meulenberg, 175 km in 4h28m;
2. Roger Van Melkebeke at 5 meters;
3. Robert Van Eenaeme;
4. Hector Bruneel, *Champion of Antwerp*;
5. Martin Van den Broeck (Lebbeke);
6. Albert Decin;
7. Ernest Sterckx;
8. André Maelbrancke;
9. Armand Putzeys;
10. Albert Sercu;
11. Jaak Geus;
12. Frans Verboven;
13. Lode Busschops;
14. Jules Douws;
15. Lode Janssens;
16. Frans Van Hellemont;
17. Michel Hermie;
18. Edgard De Clauwé;
19. Frans Sterckx;
20. Felix De Raes;
21. Petrus Van Verre;
22. Thijs Verveer (Ned);
23. André Defoort;
24. Ex-aequo: Jules Bury, Jan Claessens, Jef Somers, Raymond Careme, Michel Remue, Lode Poels, René Janssens (Kemper), Désiré Keteleer;
32. Jozef Van Kerckhoven;
33. Frans Deroover;
34. Jan Valckenborghs;
35. Kamiel Muls;
36. Jan Verveer (Ned);
37. Eugeen Jacobs;
38. August Janssens;
39. Frans Hotag;
40. Gorgon Hermans;
41. Albert Anciaux;
42. Jan Van Steen;
43. Frans Van Hassel.

Eloi Meulenberg

(°Jumet 22.09.1912-+Jumet 26.02.1989)

Eloi is the first Walloon rider ever to win the Scheldeprijs. His career was naturally interrupted by World War II. Just before the War he was indeed one of our best riders and he even became worldchampion in 1937 in Copenhagen! He won nine stages in the Tour de France, Paris-Brussels in 1936 and Liège-Bastogne-Liège in 1937. Eloi turned a professional in 1934 and did not end his career before 1950.

René Vermeiren

