



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).

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