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# SCHELDE PRIJS

## Scheldeprijs to start in Terneuzen with ten WorldTour teams

*Wednesday, 10 April will see a showcase of sprinters gathering in Terneuzen, the Netherlands, for the 107<sup>th</sup> edition of Scheldeprijs. The only Flanders Classics race of the spring to start from outside of Belgium will this year see 22 teams on the start line. Ten WorldTour teams and 12 ProContinental teams will have their fastest men sprint in Schoten for what's touted as the unofficial World Championships for sprinters.*

One of the 10 WorldTour teams who will be looking to make its mark on the race once more is that of five-time winner and record holder Marcel Kittel: Team Katusha Alpecin. Team Dimension Data, of three-time winner Mark Cavendish, will also be looking to bring its sprint train, and they will be challenged once more by WorldTour rivals BORA-hansgrohe, EF Education First, Team Sky and Team Sunweb.

UAE Team Emirates, of fast man Fernando Gaviria and the Belgian youngster Jasper Philipsen, will make their debut at Scheldeprijs. Despite not participating in 2018, Trek-Segafredo of Belgian riders Jasper Stuyven and Edward Theuns will be present this season. Another Belgian team to keep an eye on is Deceuninck - Quick-Step, victors in 2018 through Fabio Jakobsen, who will be sure to bring a host of riders capable to racing to victory. Lotto Soudal, team of Caleb Ewan, will also be on the start line in Terneuzen, but without André Greipel who transferred to French ProContinental Team Arkea - Samsic over the winter, a team that also features on the start list for Scheldeprijs.

The four Belgian ProContinental teams Sport Vlaanderen - Baloise, Corendon-Circus, Wallonie Bruxelles and Wanty - Gobert Cycling Team will also be riding this April and they'll be joined by a team that is bound to feel at home racing through Zeeland, Roompot - Charles. The French teams will be sure to bring their fastest legs with Cofidis, Solutions Crédits, Direct Energie and Vital Concept - B&B Hotels, the first of Nacer Bouhanni and the latter of renowned sprinter Bryan Coquard. The final places on the start list will be filled by the Italian Androni Giocattoli-Sidermec, the Danish Riwal Readynez Cycling Team and Israel Cycling Academy.

After a 200 km loop followed by a finale comprising two local laps in and around Schoten, the pivotal moment of this year's edition of Scheldeprijs will fall on the Churchillaan. The teams have been announced, but we will have to wait and see which racers will be participating in the race to succeed Fabio Jakobsen.

These are the 22 participating teams for the Scheldeprijs in 2019, riders roster yet to be confirmed:

10 WorldTour teams:

- BORA-hansgrohe
- Deceuninck – Quick-Step
- EF Education First
- Lotto Soudal
- Team Dimension Data
- Team Katusha Alpecin
- Team Sky
- Team Sunweb
- Trek-Segafredo
- UAE Team Emirates

12 ProContinental teams:

- Androni Giocattoli Sidermec
- Cofidis, Solutions Crédits
- Corendon Circus
- Direct Energie
- Israel Cycling Academy
- Riwal Readynez Cycling Team
- Roompot-Charles
- Sport Vlaanderen – Baloise
- Team Arkea-Samsic
- Vital Concept – B&B Hotels
- Wallonie Bruxelles
- Wanty – Gobert Cycling Team