

Issy-les-Moulineaux, April 9th 2007

## 52,7 km of cobblestones : the notes

Based on the reconnaissance of the route, which took place on April 9 by Christian Prudhomme and Jean-Francois Pescheux, the organisers have attributed a degree of difficulty for each of the 28 paved sections of the race, evaluated in terms of length, the irregularity of the cobblestones and the overall condition of each section and its placement. After preliminary scouting carried out this past January by Thierry Gouvenou, a change was made concerning the Troisvilles sector: the necessary work was completed in the second half of the section; the sector will be run in its entirety by the field. However, the d'Auchy-les-Orchies to Bersée sector has been shortened, the serious degradation of the route necessitates addition repair work.

For the 105<sup>th</sup> edition of Paris-Roubaix, the competitors will ride an unprecedented sector at km194: situated between Beuvry-la-forêt and d'Orchies, the 1400m long 'Chemin du Moulin', which was inaugurated this afternoon by Marc Madiot, the godfather of this new sector.

In addition, this reconnaissance day was also the occasion for a meeting organised in Orchies with vice-president for sport for the Nord-Pas Calais region, Wulfran Despitch. This year the region has become a major partner of the event. The start will be taken at Compiègne at 10am on April 15.

## The 28 Paris-Roubaix cobblestone sectors

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 28. Troisvilles (km 98 - 2200 m) ○○○                       | 14. Tilloy - Sars-et-Rosières (187,5 – 2400 m) ○○○  |
| 27. Viesly (km 104,5 - 1800 m) ○○○                         | 13. Beuvry-la-Forêt à Orchies (km 194 – 1400m) ○○○  |
| 26. Quievy (km 107 - 3700 m) ○○○○                          | 12. Orchies (km 198,5 – 1700 m) ○○○   |
| 25. Saint-Python (km 112 - 1500 m) ○○                      | 11. Auchy-lez-Orchies - Bersée (km 205 – 1200 m) ○○   |
| 24. Vertain (km 119,5 - 1900 m) ○○○                        | 10. Mons-en-Pévèle (km 210,5 – 3000 m) ○○○○   |
| 23. Capelle-sur-Ecaillon – Le Buat (km 126,5 – 1700 m) ○○○ | 9. Mérignies – Pont-à-Marcq (km 216,5 – 700 m) ○○   |
| 22. Verchain-Maugré - Quérénaing (km 138 – 1600 m) ○○○     | 8. Pont-Thibaut (km 219,5 – 1400 m) ○○○   |
| 21. Querenaing - Maing (km 141 – 2500 m) ○○○               | 7. Templeuve l'Épinette (km 225 – 200 m) ○<br>Le Moulin de Vertain (km 225,5 – 500 m) ○○            |
| 20. Monchaux-sur-Ecaillon (km 144 - 1600 m) ○○○            | 6. Cysoing - Bourghelles (km 232 – 1300 m) ○○○○<br>Bourghelles – Wannehain (km 234,5 – 1100 m) ○○○○ |
| 19. Haveluy (km 155,5 – 2500 m) ○○○○                       | 5. Camphin-en-Pévèle (km 239 – 1800 m) ○○○○   |
| 18. Trouée d'Arenberg (km 163,5 – 2400 m) ○○○○○            | 4. Le Carrefour de l'Arbre (km 242 – 2100 m) ○○○○○  |
| 17. Wallers – Hélesmes (km 170 – 1600 m) ○○○○              | 3. Gruson (km 244 – 1100 m) ○○  |
| 16. Hornaing - Wandignies (km 176,5 – 3700 m) ○○○          | 2. Hem (km 251 – 1400 m) ○  |
| 15. Warlaing - Brillon (km 184 – 2400 m) ○○○○              | 1. Roubaix (km 257 – 300 m) ○   |

### Press contact

Christophe Marchadier  
01 41 33 15 35 – 06 07 02 42 17  
cmarchadier@aso.fr