

Issy-les-Moulineaux, 21st of April 2008

VOS, EXPECTED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE MUR

In the women's pack, the Flèche Wallonne meeting has a key importance, linked to the presence on the course of the Mur de Huy that forces the champions to demonstrate their strength in a Grande finale. During the last two editions, the strongest at the top of this unique climb also conquered the World Cup at the end of the year. For the fifth leg, Nicole Cooke, a three-time winner of the Fleche (2003, 2005, 2006), as well as Fabiana Luperini (1998, 2001, 2002), are among the favourites. But title-holder, Marianne Vos, will also be defending her chances. Other than the former winners, she will have to battle it out in the final part against the girls from the High Road Women team with the likes of Judith Arndt, Chantal Beltman and Oenone Wood who have regularly been on the podiums since the start of the season.

25 teams: the main favourites

Germany

National Team (GER): Kupfernagel (Ger)
Nürnberger Versicherung (NUR): De Goede (Ger)
Team High Road Women (TMP) : Arndt (Ger),
Beltman (Hol), Wood (Aus)

Austria

National Team (AUT): Grünzwell (AUT)

Belgium

National Team (BEL): Arnouts (Bel)
Lotto-Belisol Ladies Team (LBL): Watt (Aus)
Topsport Vlaanderen Thompson (VLL): Druyts (Bel)

Canada

National Team (CAN): Wrubleski (Can)

Spain

National Team (ESP): Iturriagaechearria (Esp)

United States

National Team (USA): Powers (Usa)

France

National Team (FRA): Creux (Fra)
Vienne Futuroscope (FUT): Jaunatre (Fra)

Great Britain

National Team (GBR): Cooke, Pooley (Gbr)

Italy

National Team (ITA): Bastianelli (Ita)
Gauss RDZ Ormu (GAU): Martisova (Rus)
Menikini – Selle Italia (MSI): Luperini (Ita)
USC Chirio Forno d'Asolo (USC):
J.Polikeviciute (Ltu)

Lithuania

National Team (LIT): Ziliute (Ltu)

Pays-Bas

National Team (NED): Bruins (Hol)
AA-Drink Cycling Team (AAD): Johansson (Sue)
Team DSB Bank (DSB): Vos (Hol)
Team Flexpoint (FLX): Melchers-Van Poppel (Hol)
Vrienden Van Het Platteland (VVP): De Vocht (Bel)

Switzerland

Bigla Cycling Team (BCT): Brändli (Sui)
Cervelo Lifeforce Pro Cycling (RLT) : Armstrong (Usa)

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