

RABOBANK

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Website:

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2007 ProTour ranking:

Eighth

Budget 2008: €10 million

Team manager:

Harold Knebel

Directeurs sportifs:

Erik Breukink, Erik Dekker, Frans Maasen, Adri van Houwelingen



TEAM HISTORY

Date of foundation: 1996

Tour record: 13th appearance, 20 stage victories, two King of the Mountains classifications (Michael Rasmussen, 2005, 2006)

Past stars: Johan Bruyneel, Rolf Sörensen, Robbie McEwen, Peter Luttenberger, Geert Verheyen, Leon Van Bon, Beat Zberg, Levi Leipheimer, Steven De Jongh, Erik Dekker, Marc Wauters, Michael Boogerd, Michael Rasmussen

EQUIPMENT

Frame: Colnago **Groupset:** Shimano **Wheels:** Shimano

Clothing: Agu

NAME	NATION	DATE OF BIRTH	WEIGHT	HEIGHT	PRO SINCE	CAREER WINS	TOUR STAGE WINS	2006 TOUR RESULT	2007 TOUR RESULT	TOURS	BEST TOUR RESULT (YEAR)	2007 TEAM
Mauricio ARDILA	COL	21/05/1979	58kg	165cm	2002	15	0	—	—	0	—	Rabobank
Jan BOVEN	HOL	28/02/1972	66kg	174cm	1996	1	0	—	—	1	DNF	Rabobank
Graeme BROWN	AUS	09/04/1979	78kg	180cm	2002	37	0	—	—	0	—	Rabobank
Bram DE GROOT	HOL	18/12/1974	65kg	173cm	1999	1	0	DNF	134th	6	99th (2003)	Rabobank
Thomas DEKKER*	HOL	06/09/1984	69kg	188cm	2002	44	0	—	35th	1	35th (2007)	Rabobank
Marc DE MAAR*	HOL	15/02/1984	68kg	182cm	2001	9	0	—	—	0	—	Rabobank
Michiel ELIJZEN	HOL	31/08/1982	77kg	192cm	2006	5	0	—	—	0	—	Cofidis
Theo ELTINK	HOL	27/11/1981	56kg	173cm	1997	2	0	—	—	0	—	Rabobank
Juan Antonio FLECHA	SPA	17/09/1977	72kg	181cm	2000	9	1	82nd	85th	5	73rd (2005)	Rabobank
Rick FLENS*	HOL	11/04/1983	82kg	187cm	2006	10	0	—	—	0	—	Rabobank
Oscar FREIRE	SPA	15/02/1976	63kg	171cm	1998	68	3	DNF	DNF	4	96th (2003)	Rabobank
Robert GESINK*	HOL	31/05/1986	68kg	187cm	2007	12	0	—	—	0	—	Rabobank
Mathew HAYMAN	AUS	20/04/1978	78kg	190cm	2000	11	0	—	—	0	—	Rabobank
Pedro HERRILLO	SPA	27/09/1974	76kg	184cm	1998	7	0	—	—	2	107th (2002)	Rabobank
Dmitry KOZONTCHUK*	RUS	05/04/1984	70kg	187cm	2005	9	0	—	—	0	—	Rabobank
Sebastian LANGEVELD*	HOL	17/01/1985	68kg	178cm	2006	9	0	—	—	0	—	Rabobank
Tom LEEZER*	HOL	26/12/1985	70kg	184cm	2004	10	0	—	—	0	—	Rabobank Continental
Gerben LOWIK	HOL	29/06/1977	72kg	188cm	2000	12	0	—	—	1	DNF (2005)	Rabobank
Paul MARTENS*	GER	26/10/1983	65kg	180cm	2006	5	0	—	—	0	—	Skil-Shimano
Denis MENCHOV	RUS	25/01/1978	65kg	180cm	2000	22	1	6th	DNF	7	6th (2006)	Rabobank
Koos MOERENHOUT	HOL	05/11/1973	74kg	184cm	1996	15	0	62nd	—	5	44th (1998)	Rabobank
Bauke MOLLEMA*	HOL	26/11/1986	64kg	181cm	2007	4	0	—	—	0	—	Rabobank Continental
Grischa NIERMANN	GER	03/11/1975	64kg	178cm	1996	7	0	—	86th	6	24th (2000)	Rabobank
Joost POSTHUMA	HOL	08/03/1981	76kg	189cm	2001	18	0	85th	—	2	83rd (2005)	Rabobank
Kai REUS*	HOL	11/03/1985	69kg	183cm	2004	19	0	—	—	0	—	Rabobank
Bram TANKINK	HOL	03/12/1978	71kg	181cm	2001	7	0	94th	40th	3	40th (2007)	Quick Step
Laurens TEN DAM	HOL	13/11/1980	67kg	184cm	2004	2	0	—	—	0	—	Unibet.com
Will WALKER*	AUS	31/10/1985	60kg	168cm	2006	13	0	—	—	0	—	Rabobank
Pieter WEEENING	HOL	05/04/1981	66kg	186cm	2003	14	1	93rd	128th	3	72nd (2005)	Rabobank

* Eligible for Best Young Rider competition

“ These guys need to get their act together! After last year's circus, we want a nice, clean, aggressive race from them – without any drama. Naturally, I see Denis Menchov up front in the mountains. He is still a very good rider, even if I don't believe he'll win the Tour. With a little luck, Oscar Freire could win a stage or two, but the riders who really interest me are the young ones. Will Thomas Dekker really become the champion people say he will? We'll know by the end of this Tour. I believe in him. Rabobank have a nice group of riders; they'll make things happen. ”

BERNARD HINAULT



Russian Denis Menchov has decided not to defend his Vuelta a España title so that he can concentrate on the Tour

DID YOU KNOW?

* Rabobank are the first team to voluntarily withdraw the reigning leader of the Tour de France from the race (Michael Rasmussen, after stage 17 in 2007)

* Oscar Freire withdrew from the 2006 Tour with two stages remaining to be with his wife after she gave birth to their first son, Marcos

* Denis Menchov was awarded victory in 2005 Tour of Spain after the disqualification of Roberto Heras for EPO use. He won the title again in 2007

* This will be the first time in the history of the Rabobank sponsorship (13 years) that Michael Boogerd will not line-up for the Tour de France: he retired in 2007

Tim De Waele