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Headlines:

Racing:

P1 Overall 24 Hours Zolder 1977, Autobianchi 112 Abarth Corzy

P1 Overall 24 Hours Zolder 1982, BMW 323 Juma

P1 Overall 24 Hours Spa-Francorchamps 1977, BMW 530 Juma-Kinley (reserve driver) *

P2 Overall 24 Hours Spa-Francorchamps 1978, BMW 530 Juma-Carling

P2 Overall 24 Hours Spa-Francorchamps 1980, BMW 530 Juma-Carling (also P8 in second car) **

P2 Overall 24 Hours Spa-Francorchamps 1981, BMW 530 Juma-Bastos (unlawful disqualified) ***

P1 Pole Position in 24 Hours Zolder 1978, Autobianchi 112 Abarth Corzy

P1 Pole Position in 500 Km Spa-Francorchamps 1980, BMW 530 Juma-Carling

Rally:

P1 Belgian Rally Championship 1983 GR. A (Opel Ascona 2.0 Zenex) 2 Group Victories

P2 Belgian Rally Championship 1984 GR. N (Toyota Corolla 1.6 GT Avia) 9 Group Victories

P2 Belgian Rally Championship 1986 GR. N (Toyota Corolla 1.6 GT Nieuwsblad) 5 Group Victories

P3 Belgian Rally Championship 2023 Historic Overall (Fiat 124 Spider 2.0 16V LePlan) 1 Class Victory

P2 Flanders Rally Championship 2018 Historic Overall (Fiat 124 Spider 2.0 LePlan) 2 Class Victories

P1 Flanders Rally Championship 2019 Historic Class H2 (Fiat 124 Spider 1.6 LePlan) 3 Class Victories

P1 Flanders Rally Championship 2022 Historic Class H2 (Fiat 124 Spider 1.6 LePlan) 4 Class Victories

P1 Class N1 World Rally Championship Finland 1984 (Talbot Samba Rally 1.3 Mini-flat)

P1 Overall Challenge Multidiscipline 1984 GR. N (Circuit, Rally, Hill Climb) with Toyota Corolla GT

P1 Overall Superstar on Wheels Multidiscipline 1989 (Circuit, 4WD, Karting) a VAB Event Zolder

P3 Overall Boucles de Spa Rally 1987, Audi 80 Quattro Gr A Jesco & Fountain

P3 Group N Diesel, Paris-Dakar 1982, Mercedes 300 GD Isocap & European University

Specials:

First ever Flemish Racing Car Driver: 24H Daytona (1981), Paris-Dakar (1982), World Rally Finland (1984)

1981 Four different 24 Hours in one-year: Zolder, Spa-Francorchamps, Daytona & Le Mans

1982 Eight different racing cars in one-year: BMW 528 at Monza, BMW 530 at Donnington, Ford Capri at Spa, Alfa Romeo GTV 6 at Zolder, Porsche 944 at Zolder, Mercedes 300 GD at Paris-Dakar, Formula Ford Reynard at Spa and Lola T298 BMW GR.6 Prototype at World Championship race Spa-Francorchamps!

Best Results:

- 1972 Rally: first rally at Wally's Nacht in Wijnegem in NSU TT with codriver Danny Steegmans
- 1973 Racing: first and only (regional) race DNF the 6 HOURS OF ZOLDER in NSU TT with Paul Calliauw (lap record of the car)
- 1974 Did not race.
- 1975 Racing: 1st Victory in Mazda RX2 at Nivelles (BE) in Retrorganisation with a street legal car
- 1976 Racing: Belgian Championship in FIAT 128 Coupe GR 2 - (DNF 4/4 race due technical problems)
- 1977 Racing: Belgian Championship in VW POLO GR 1 – 1000 cc (podiums in 1600cc category)
1st in the 24 HOURS OF ZOLDER (BE) in LANCIA A112 Team CORZY with Body Corbiau and Rudy Frahm
1st in the 24 HOURS OF SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS-BE (*) in BMW 530 Team JUMA with Eddy Joosen and JC Andruet
- 1978 Racing: Belgian Championship in BMW 530 Team JUMA Carling
Pole Position in 24 Hours of Zolder with A112 Abarth (DNF)
2nd in the 24 HOURS OF SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS with Raymond Van Hove and Eddy Joosen
- 1979 Racing: Belgian Championship in BMW 530 Team JUMA
WINNER of the BMW-CASTROL Trophy
5th in the ZANDVOORT TROPHY (NL) with Jacques Cleutjens en Frans Lubin op Ford Capri RS
11nd in the 24 HOURS OF SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS with Bruno Giacomeli and Umberto Grano
- 1980 Racing: Belgian Championship with BMW 530 Team JUMA
2nd in the 24 HOURS OF SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS (***) with Eddy Joosen and Pierre Dieudonné, Team Juma
8th in the 24 HOURS OF SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS with Daniel Herregods and Daniel Rombaut, Team Juma
Pole Position in 500Km Spa-Francorchamps (DNF) with Daniel Herregods
- 1981 Racing:
1st in the 24 HOURS OF ZOLDER - BE in BMW 323 Team Juma with Reussens and Reussens
2nd in the 24 HOURS OF SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS (***) in BMW Team JUMA BASTOS with Eddy Joosen and JC Andruet
8th in the 12 HOURS OF SEBRING - USA in Mazda RX7 Imsa-Prototype with Eddy Joosen and Pierre Dieudonné
DNF in the 24 HOURS DAYTONA - USA in Mazda RX7 Imsa-Proto with Jean-Paul Libert, Eddy Joosen and Pierre Dieudonné
DNQ in the 24 HOURS LEMANS - FR in Mazda RX7 Imsa-Proto Team Z&W Enterprise from Pierre Honegger
- 1982 Desert Raid:
3rd Category Diesel (36 overall) in PARIS-DAKAR in MERCEDES 300 GD with Christian Delferrier and Jacques Castelein
- Racing:
3rd Overall in the 500 KM DE MONZA (European Championship) in BMW Team JUMA BASTOS with Eddy Joosen
DNF in the 1000 KM SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS (World Championship) on LOLA GR.6 PROTO 2.0 with Team ELCOUBI (P2 in Qualif)
- DNF in the SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS - FORMULA FORD RACE in Reynard (P3 in Qualif)
DNF in the 24 HOURS SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS in Ford Capri with Alain Semoulin and Bernard De Drijver (leading in the morning)
- DNF in Mugello (I) with BMW 530
DNF in EG Trophy Zolder with Alfa Romeo GTV 6
- 1983 Rally: Belgian Championship in OPEL ASCONA 2000 CC GROUP A, Team HOFLIJK ZENEX with Daniel De Canck
BELGIAN RALLY CHAMPION GROUP A
1st Group A, 14th Overall in RALLY VINHO DE MADEIRA (Portugal) with Opel Ascona
1st Group A, 8th Overall in RALLYE DU CONDROZ (B) with Opel Manta
2nd Group A, 14th Overall in RALLYE CIRCUIT ARDENNES (B) with Opel Ascona
2nd Group A, 16th Overall in HASPENGOUW RALLY (B) with Opel Ascona
- 1984 Rally: Belgian Championship in TOYOTA Corolla 1600 GT Group N, Team DVA AVIA with Daniel De Canck
BELGIAN RALLY VICE-CHAMPION GROUP N (9 Class Victories)
WINNER of the CHALLENGE GROUP N (Rally/Racing/Hill climb)
1st 1300 cc, 47th Overall in FINLAND 1000 LAKES RALLY (F) with Peugeot Talbot Samba Rallye
1st 1600 cc, 13th Overall in RALLYE CIRCUIT ARDENNES (B)
1st 1600 cc, 11th Overall in RALLYE HANNUT (B)
1st 1600 cc, 15th Overall in RALLYE DE WALLONIE (B)
1st 1600 cc, 16th Overall in TAC RALLY TIELT (B)
1st 1600 cc, 19th Overall in RALLY HASPENGOUW (B)

1st 1600 cc, 16th Overall in RALLY 24 H YPRES (B)
1st 1600 cc, 18th Overall in BIANCHI RALLYE (B)
1st 1600 cc, 12th Overall in RALLY OMLOOP VLAANDEREN (B)
3rd 1600 cc, 17th Overall in BOUCLES DE SPA (B)

1985 **Rally:**

Belgian Championship in TOYOTA COROLLA 1600 GT GR.A, Team DVA NIEUWSBLAD with Georges Van Oosten

1st 1600 cc, 5th Overall in BOUCLES DE SPA (B)
1st 1600 cc, 8th Overall in CIRCUIT DES ARDENNES (B)
1st 1600 cc, 8th Overall in RALLYE DE WALLONIË (B)
1st 1600 cc, 7th Overall in BIANCHI RALLY (B)
2nd 1600 cc, 28th Overall in 24 H YPRES (B)

1986 Rally: Belgian Championship in TOYOTA COROLLA 1600 GT GR.N, Team DVA NIEUWSBLAD with Patrick Verheyden

BELGIAN RALLY VICE-CHAMPION GROUP N & WINNER of the WEST EURO RALLY CUP -1600 cc

1st 1600 cc, 6th Overall in BOUCLES DE SPA (B)
1st 1600 cc, 11th Overall in RALLYE CIRCUIT ARDENNES (B)
1st 1600 cc, 22nd Overall in HASPENGOUW RALLY (B)
1st 1600 cc, 15th Overall in GRENSLAND RALLY (B)
1st 1600 cc, 16th Overall in CONDROZ RALLYE (B)
2nd 1600 cc, 22nd Overall in TULPENRALLY (NL)

1987 Rally: European Championship

3rd Overall in the BOUCLES DE SPA RALLY (B) with Danny De Canck in AUDI 80 QUATTRO Team DHONDT
6th Overall in the BOHEMIAN RALLY (CZ) with Danny De Canck in VOLVO 240 TURBO Team STEFFANSON
Racing: 2nd in the SUZUKI CUP KOKSYDE
DNF in GRAND PRIX DE BRNO - CZ (World Championship) in BMW M3 Team RSI BASTOS with Eddy Joosen

1988 Racing: DNF the 24 HOURS OF SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS with Vojtech and Bratislav Enge in BMW M3 Team RSI BASTOS

Rally: BELGIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP in LANCIA DELTA INTEGRALE Team DVA
2de Group N, 6th Overall in RALLY VAN LOOY in Lancia Delta Integrale 8V Group N with Danny De Canck
2de Group N, 11th Overall in BIANCHI RALLY in Lancia Delta Integrale 8V Group N with Danny De Canck
10th Overall in the BOUCLES DE SPA (B) in BMW 325iX Group N with Henri Darimont

1989 Racing:

DNF the 24 H SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS in FORD SIERRA COSWORTH Team CARLY CAMEL with Jeroen Hin and Cor Euser
Rally: BELGIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP with Henry Darimont in LANCIA DELTA INTEGRALE Team DVA
1st Group N, 8th Overall in HASPENGOUW RALLY in Lancia Delta Integrale 8V Group N with Rik Darimont
10th Overall in BOUCLES DE SPA (B) in BMW 325iX Group A with Henri Darimont
WINNER of 'SUPERSTARS ON WHEELS - VAB' at ZOLDER, four races in a Formula, Touring car, Go-kart and 4x4,
Beating Eric Van de Poele (F1), Eric Bachelart (F3000/Indy), Filip Verellen (GT), Patrick Snijers (Rally) ...

(*) *The BMW won the 24 Hours, but Dirk was reserve driver and only driving in qualifying. For his first experience with the BMW 530 IUS on the very fast (old) track of Spa-Francorchamps, he qualified 4th without any pre-test sessions.*

(**) *Dirk finished on both cars of the team (one driver sick) at 2nd and 8th place overall...and drove 14 hours in total.*

(***) *Dirk was leading the 24 Hours in the morning, but because of an incident at the "bus stop-chicane" Dirk was disqualified illegitimate by the Stewards of the meeting. The pair Joosen-Andruet (without Dirk) finished finally at the 2nd place!*

Co-drivers on circuit:

Jean-Claude Andruet, Bruno Giacomelli, Baudouin Corbiau, Eddy Joosen, Pierre Dieudonné, Marc Duez, Luc De Cock, Alain Cudini, Umberto Grano, Teddy Pilette, Jean-Pierre Van de Wauwer, Hughes de Fierlandt, Cor Euser, Jeroen Hin, Jacques Cleutjens, Frans Lubin, Daniel Herregods, Bernard de Drijver, Alain Semoulin, Bratislav Enge, Zdenek Vojtech, Giovanni Fontanesi, Massimo Micangeli, Piere Honneger, Stiff, Danny Swyssen, Marc Mathay, Vincent Dupont, Danny Van Mieghem, Daniel De Canck, Rudi Frahm, Hugo Minebo, Ronny Descamps, Raymond Van Hove, Daniel Rombout, Jamie Vandenbalck, Jurgen Gulicher, Eric Weckx, Sam Dejonghe and Naomi Schiff...

Racing Cars:

Abarth A112, Audi 50, Audi 80 Quattro, BMW 316, BMW 323, BMW 325iX, BMW 528, BMW 530 US, BMW 635, BMW M3, BMW M235i, Citroen 2CV, Opel Ascona, Opel Manta, , Opel Kadet, Opel Commodore, Toyota Corolla 1.6 GT, Toyota Celica 2.0 GT, Lancia Integrale, Lancia Integrale EVO, Mazda RX2, Mazda RX7 Imsa, Fiat 127, Fiat 500, Fiat 128 Coupé, Fiat Punto, Fiat 124 Spider GT, Peugeot Talbot Samba Rallye, Porsche 944, Ford Sierra Cosworth, Mini Cooper, Suzuki Swift, Daihatsu Rocky 4WD, Range Rover, Mercedes 300 GD, VW Polo, VW Sirocco, VW Fun Cup, Lola T29 prototype and Radical SR3 prototype ..

Rally tuning by DVA (Dirk Vermeersch Autosport):

- 1983 Opel Ascona Gr.A, co-tuning Etienne Hoflijk
Opel Manta Gr.A, co-tuning Etienne Hoflijk
- 1984 Toyota Corolla 1.6 Gr N
Toyota Corolla 1.6 Gr N, Michel Vandergeeten
- 1985 Toyota Corolla 1.6 Gr A
Toyota Corolla 1.6 GR A, Tommy Makinen, Finland
- 1986 Toyota Celica 2.0 Gr N
Toyota Corolla 1.6 Gr N
- 1987 Lancia Delta 4WD, suspension, Freddy Loix
Lancia Delta integrale Gr N, Bob De Jonghe
- 2017 Fiat 124 Spider 1800, co-tuning Luc Vervloet
- 2020 Fiat 124 Spider Abarth 1600 16V, co-tuning Luc Vervloet
- 2024 Fiat 124 Spider Abarth 2000 16V, co-tuning Eric VanderVeken

Rally team DVA:

1987-1994: Lancia Delta integrale Group N

- Renting to following rally drivers: Couwberghs Bart, Dumoulin Pierre, Dejong Bob, Daems Wim, Ferreiros Ramon, Gronholm Marcus, Gaban Pascal, Gewalt Vincent, Saby Bruno, Van de Wauwer Jean-Pierre, Vandergeeten Michel
- Team with following racing drivers: Bauwens Christel, Beirens Philippe, Dries Marc, Vermeersch Luc

Automotive:

1882-1983 Vice-President VAS (Vlaamse Auto Sportfederatie)

1991-1999 Secretary General from Nationale Autoclub Excelsior

1984-1994 Tuning and Renting rally cars by DVA Dirk Vermeersch Autosport

1987-1994 Racing Accessories by DVA Dirk Vermeersch Autosport

1988-1994 Lancia Car Dealer DVA Schilde (Integrale Specialist)

1995-1999 Volvo Car Dealer DVA Schilde

1992-1999 Maserati Car Dealer Antwerp DVA Sport

Comeback:

- 2013 Racing Endurance: 13th Overall in Supercar Challenge Sport Prototype at Zolder (BE) in Radical SR3 with Naomi Schiff
- 2014 Racing Endurance: 16th Overall in 25 HOURS VW FUN CUP at Spa (BE) with Luc De Cock, Sam Dejonghe, and Naomi
- 2015 Racing Endurance: 14th Overall in 24 HOURS ZOLDER in BMW M235i with Jamie Vandenbalck, Jurgen Gulicher, Eric Weckx
- 2016 Old-timer Amical Tour in Fiat 124 Spider 1.6 GT with Christel Bauwens
- 2017 **Belgian Rally Historic in Fiat 124 Spider GT 2.000**
1st of Class 2.000, 5th Overall in Kempen Rally Turnhout with Rik Darimont
1st of Class 2.000, 22nd Overall in Legend Boucles Bastogne Challenger with Christel Bauwens
5th of Class 2.000, 10TH Overall in Seizoens Rally Bocholt with Esther de Bièvre
- 2018 **Flanders Rally Championship Historic VAS, Second Overall in Fiat Spider GT 2.000**
1st Class 1600, 9th Overall in Rally Zuid Limburg with Christel Bauwens
1st Class 1600, 5th Overall in Rally Sprint Aarova with Kim VanderVeken
2nd Class 1600, 11th Overall in Rally Kasterlee with Christel
2nd Class 1600, 22nd Overall in Rally 6 Uren Kortrijk with Kim
Belgian Rally Historic Challenge
1st Class 2000, 22nd Overall in Legend Boucles Bastogne (Challenger) with Christel Bauwens
French Rally Championship Historic
1st Class 1600, 6th Overall in Rally Dévoluy (F) with Ann Vermeersch
- 2019 **Flanders Rally Championship Historic VAS (5th) with Fiat Spider 1.600**
1st Class 1600, 6th Overall in Rally Zuid Limburg with Christel Bauwens
1st Class 1600, 7th Overall in Rally Kasterlee with Nina Samijn
1st Class 1600, 10th Overall in Rally Sprint TBR Roeselare with Nina Samyn
2nd Class 1600, 12th Overall in Rally Staden Roeselare with Christel Bauwens
Belgian Rally Historic Challenge
1st Class 1600, 16th Overall in Challenger Legend Bastogne “Terre” with Christel Bauwens
- 2020 **Belgian Rally Championship Criterium in Fiat 124 Spider GT 1.600 16V**
2^o Class 1600 cc, 25^o Overall in South Belgian Rally with Christel Bauwens
- 2021 **Flanders Rally Championship Historic VAS in Fiat 124 Spider 1.600 16V, codriver Christel Bauwens**
1^o Class 1600 cc, 12^o Overall in 6 Uren Kortrijk
Belgian Rally Championship Criterium in Fiat 124 Spider 1.600 16V, codriver Christel Bauwens
5^o in Criterium Seizoens Rally
5^o in Criterium Omloop van Vlaanderen Rally
5^o in Criterium South Belgium Rally
- 2022 **Belgian Rally Championship Historic in Fiat 124 Spider Abarth 1.600 16V, codriver Els Delva**
1^o Class 1600 cc, 5^o Overall in Seizoens Rally
1^o Class 1600 cc, 5^o Overall in Ypres Rally
1^o Class 1600 cc, 6^o Overall in Haspengouw Rally
1^o Class 1600 cc, 10^o Overall in TAC Rally
2^o Class 1600 cc, 7^o Overall in Omloop van Vlaanderen Rally
Flanders Rally Championship Historic VAS in Fiat 124 Spider Abarth 1.600 16V
1^o Class 1600 cc, 10^o Overall in Kasterlee Rally with Esther de Bièvre
1^o Class 1600 cc, 11^o Overall in Aarova Rally with Esther de Bièvre
1^o Class 1600 cc, 12^o Overall in ORC Canal Rally with Els Delva
1^o Class 1600 cc, 15^o Overall in Ypres Historic with Veerle Goorden
2^o Class 1600 cc, 10^o Overall in Moorslede Rally with Esther de Bièvre
- 2023 **Belgian Rally Championship Historic in Fiat 124 Spider Abarth 2.000 16V, codriver Els Delva**
1^o Class 2000 cc, 2^o Overall in Rallye de Wallonië
2^o Class 2000 cc, 3^o Overall in Rallye de Bertrix
2^o Class 2000 cc, 3^o Overall in Aarova Rally
3^o Class 2000 cc, 7^o Overall in Haspengouw Rally
4^o Class 2000 cc, 6^o Overall in Rallye des Ardennes
5^o Class 2000 cc, 7^o Overall in Rallye de Spa

2024 **Flanders Rally Championship Historic with Fiat Spider Abarth 2.000 16V, codriver Kimberly Gryson**

1° Class 2000 cc in Rally Kasterlee

2° Class 2000 cc in Rally Moorslede

2° Class 2000 cc in Rally TBR

2025 **Flanders Rally Championship Historic with Fiat Spider Abarth 2.000 16V**

1° Class 2000 cc in Rally Kasterlee, with codriver Colin Debue

2° Class 2000 cc in Rally Sprint Lubbeek, with Kim VanderVeken