

Mirjam Melchers

Nationality	NED
City	Moergestel (NED)
Birth date	26.09.1975
Age	34
Height	175 cm
Weight	61 kg
Pro since	2001
Cervélo since	2010
Previous teams	2001: Acca Due O – Lorena Camichi 2002–2004: Farm Frites – Hartol 2005–2006: Buitenpoort – Flexpoint Team 2007–2009: Team Flexpoint
Career highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 TT National Championships (NED) 2008 2 RR National Championships (NED) 2008 1 Prolog Giro d'Italia (ITA) 2008 1 Stage 2 Tour de l'Aude (FRA) 2008 1 GP Gerrie Knetemann (NED) 2007 1 Stage 1 Tour de l'Aude (FRA) 2006 1 World Cup Ronde van Vlaanderen (BEL) 2006 1 Prolog Giro della Toscana (ITA) 2005 1 Stage 5 Giro d'Italia (ITA) 2005 1 Ster Zeeuwsche Eilanden (NED) 2005 1 Ronde van Vlaanderen (BEL) 2005 1 Stage 1 Holland Ladies Tour (NED) 2004 1 Holland Ladies Tour (NED) 2004 1 Holland Hills Classic (NED) 2004 1 TT National Championships (NED) 2004 1 Vuelta Castilla y Leon (ESP) 2004 1 Stage 1 Vuelta Castilla y Leon (ESP) 2004 1 Stage 3 Holland Ladies Tour (NED) 2003 1 Damesronde van Drenthe (NED) 2003 1 World Cup GP Castilla y Leon (ESP) 2003 2 RR World Championships 2003 1 World Cup Primavera Rosa (ITA) 2002 2 Amstel Gold Race (NL) 2001 2 Primavera Rosa (ITA) 2001 1 Thüringen-Rundfahrt (GER) 2001 1 Holland Ladies Tour (NED) 2000 1 RR National Championships (NED) 2000 1 Stage 5 Holland Ladies Tour (NED) 1999 1 Stage 4 Holland Ladies Tour (NED) 1998

Biography

A new addition for 2010, Melchers is one of the most accomplished racers of the past decade. The 34-year-old Dutch rider has been a stalwart on the women's circuit, winning 73 races during the preceding 11 years, including four World Cup races and five national titles. A threat in shorter stage races, Melchers is most lethal in one-day races, as her two victories in the Tour of Flanders testify. Melchers will use her depth and experience to help develop younger riders in 2010 as well as remind everyone

she's still a force in the most important events.

Hobbies:

Reading (I like fantasy books), Internet surfing, Rhodesian Ridgebacks

Field of study:

Levensmiddeltechnologie, Voeding & Management (Food, Nutrition & Management)

Favorite charity:

[WSPA](#) (animal rescue organization)

Favorite training ride:

Up to Sierra Nevada, and the hilly part of Holland near Nijmegen

Favorite race:

Ronde van Vlaanderen

Favorite Cervélo bike:

S2. Every pedal stroke I give on this bike makes me move forward. Fantastic—I've never experienced this before.

Product development goal for 2010:

It seems to be difficult to improve the bike, but maybe after more "racing" experience I can point at something.

Personal cycling goal for 2010:

Reaching a high level and supporting the team

Personal career highlight:

Winning in Vlaanderen twice and the 2 World Championships medals

How and when did you begin riding?

Pretty late—when I was 20, at the suggestion of some friends

When did you know you wanted to be a pro?

Two years after starting up, I noticed I had the potential to be rather good in cycling. From that point there was only one thing on my mind: being the best I could be.

What was the proudest moment in your life?

Winning Vlaanderen for the second time was amazing. I had to give everything I was capable of—I had cramps and of course a lot of pain.

Why do you want to be part of Cervélo TestTeam?

Because this team is always looking for improvement, and to be part of that is a very motivating thing.
