

Iris Slappendel

Nationality	NED
City	Ouderkerk aan den IJssel (NED)
Birth date	18.02.1985
Age	24
Height	173 cm
Weight	66 kg
Pro since	2005
Cervélo since	2010
Previous teams	2004 – 2006: Vrienden van het Platteland 2007 – 2009: Team Flexpoint
Career highlights	1 Prolog Giro della Toscana (ITA) 2007 3 TT National Championships (NL) 2006 1 Ronde rond het Ronostrand (NED) 2006
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Biography

Slappendel will likely do even more big things in 2010 with a move to Cervélo TestTeam. Able to be a strong rider in the classics team and a support rider in the stage races, the Dutch rider won the Ronde van Oud-Vossemmer in the spring followed by a handful of top-10s that she will be looking to turn into victories. That should become easier with more support from the world's No. 1 team at Cervélo TestTeam.

Hobbies:

Reading, drawing, speed skating, design, and making clothes, bags and accessories

Field of study:

Industrial product engineering

Favorite charity:

[Vila Joep](#) (This foundation raises funds for research specifically directed against childhood neuroblastoma.)

Favorite training ride:

A long (sunny) ride over the hills in the south of Holland (Limburg)

Favorite race:

Ronde van Vlaanderen

Favorite Cervélo bike:

P4 (can't wait to ride it!)

Product development goal for 2010:

To give all the TestTeam partners good feedback on their products

Personal cycling goal for 2010:

To win a classic or stage and help the team have another fantastic season

Personal career highlight:

Winning the bronze medal at the Junior Worlds in Hamilton (most successful Worlds for Holland ever) and winning the World Championships with Marianne Vos in Salzburg in 2006

How and when did you begin riding?

I started riding as summer training for speed skating, when I discovered that I was way better in cycling than skating! After my bronze medal at the Junior Worlds I realized this and decided to get serious about this sport.

When did you know you wanted to be a pro?

I think in the past years I realized you can only become the best in this sport when you live and train like a pro—it's not just a hobby! So the feeling grew gradually.

What was the proudest moment in your life?

It is coming...

Why do you want to be part of Cervélo TestTeam?

I like the team philosophy and its exposure—and it's the best team!

Favorite cycling moment:

Amber Neben winning the Worlds TT in 2008

What do you want to do after your career in cycling?

Become a product designer

Cycling tip for the average rider:

Never go out in the rain!