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THE 2007 ETAPE DU TOUR MONDOVELO - 15th EDITION
FOIX / LOUDENVIELLE

AN EXTRAORDINARY PASSION

Morale was high this morning, in Foix, with close to 7 000 amateurs present for the start of this magnificent stage. The ideal weather conditions with a slight cloud covering on the first part of the course were much tougher towards the end of the stage with the fierce sun making many suffer. It took more than 30 minutes for all the riders to cross the starting line.

Rapidly, and as is customary, the rhythm was energetically set by a leading group. This group swiftly established a superb pace, headed by Nicolas Fritsch, bib N°220. At the bottom of the Col de Portet d'Aspect Nicolas Fritsch established his cadence, launching his first solo breakaway. He covered the next 4 passes alone in the lead without leaving the slightest break to his pursuers and crossed the Col de Peyresourde 9 minutes ahead of the rest of the pack.

In 6 hours 21minutes and 41 seconds our 29 year old young French rider crossed the finishing line and claimed his first victory in l'Etape du Tour Mondovelo.

Philippe Argans crossed the finishing line in 2nd place (06:32:15), and Michel Roux, the 3rd French rider, in 3rd place, with a time of 06:32:40'.

Results:	1 – Nicolas FRITSCH	Cat A	Bib N° 220	06:21:41
	2 – Philippe ARGANS	Cat A	Bib N° 627	06:32:15
	3 – Michel ROUX	Cat C	Bib N° 748	06:32:40

Women's cycling is this year celebrated with the performance of Karine SAYSSET (2006 winner), the first of the women riders to cross the finishing line in 109 position, with a time of 07:33:29.

Our congratulations also go to Greg LeMond: we are delighted to include Greg among our devoted participants. He finished in 701 place with a time of 08:41:18

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