

## Race Report from 50th International VGZ

### Warandeloop Tilburg Holland.

On a very cold November morning as the snow fell lightly at first and then with fury as the senior athletes approached their race the athletes from the North of England showed their metal with some great performances against teams from Belgium, Holland, Romania, Italy, Finland, Ukraine and Moldova. The race was also the Belgium and Dutch trial for the Euro Cross.



Hatti Dean in a quality field finished 5th, followed by Julia Russell in 18th and Mary Wilkinson 23rd. Louise Gardener nursing a bad ankle unfortunately had to DNF, but as we said there are no medals for bravery. In the Senior men's race, again in a field strewn with talent (Michael Butler Holland 1st, Pieter Desmet Belgium and Willem van Hoof Belgium completed the first three), Anthony Ford finished 9th, with Richard Burney coming through strong in 26th and Michael Aspinal 30th.

In the under 23 men's race our guys packed well with Jonny Mellor winning in style leading from the front. Garry Bristow was 5th and Nick Swinburn 6th.

[Photos from Tilburg](#)  
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