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**Amashova Durban Classic 2022 results**

The Amashova Durban Classic finish line saw some exciting sprints as top riders raced for podium places at the end of the race from Pietermartizburg to Durban.

The winner of the 2022 Amashova, in a time of 2 hours 22 minutes and 20 seconds is Marc Pritzen, and split seconds behind him in second and third place is Travis Stedman and Eric Kros. The ladies’ winner is Cherise Willeit with Jo van de Winkel taking second place in another nail-biting photo finish.

An elated Pritzen said “it was an amazing feeling crossing the finish line”. As well as praising his team mates and their role in his win, Pritzen also praised the Amashova race organisers saying “it is amazing racing on a route where you have the whole road to yourself.” The full road closure of the route from Pietermaritzburg to Durban ensures a safe and enjoyable race for the participants of the Amashova.

Kros, from Pretoria, said it was the climb up the Valley of a Thousand Hill that pulled himself and the other front runners from the rest of the race pack. It was an extremely close finish amongst the top three riders and Kros said “I thought I had second in the final sprint, but I came third behind Travis.”

Ladies’ winner Willeit said “the top ladies were riding very well in today’s race, especially on the downhills, and my team mate and I had to keep the pace so high going down the descents, taking some risks, which luckily paid off.”

Results for the Mens and Ladies top positions are as per below :

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| **NAME** | **SURNAME** | **RACE TIME** |  |
| MARC | PRITZEN | 02:22:20.200 |  |
| TRAVIS | STEDMAN | 02:22:20.427 |  |
| ERIC | KROS | 02:22:20.457 |  |
| JACO | VAN DYK | 02:22:20.460 |  |
| JACQUES | JANSE VAN RENSBURG | 02:22:20.460 |  |
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| **NAME** | **SURNAME** | **RACE TIME** |  |
| CHERISE | WILLEIT | 02:52:52.100 |  |
| JO | VAN DE WINKEL | 02:52:52.200 |  |
| BRIDGET | THEUNISSEN | 02:54:50.600 |  |
| S'ANNARA | GROVE | tbc |  |
| FRANCES | JANSE VAN RENSBURG | tbc |  |
| SONICA | KLOPPER | tbc |  |
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***About Amashova Durban Classic***

The Amashova Durban Classic began in 1986 and has been successfully taking place for the past 36 years – making it SA’s oldest ‘classic’ cycling race. The idea of having a bicycle race on the route of the world famous comrades marathon was the dream of veteran Springbok Cyclist, Dave Wiseman and his friend Tony McMillian. Over the years the improvements on the route and road closures, accompanied by a steady increase of entries year after year and the involvement of some of the country’s top sponsors has helped make the ‘Shova’ one of the most loved and KZN’s biggest cycling race.

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