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Carte Pratique du Tour de France 1958

Stock#: 68270
Map Maker:
Date: 1958
Place: Tours
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 18.5 x 24 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A great antique map made for the 1958 Tour de France, showing the many cities and towns the race would pass through. The route starts in Bruxelles and then passes through Dunkirk, Caen, Brest, Bourdeaux, Pau, Toulouse, and Dijon before arriving in Paris. The many cols of this route are shown, and the route eschews the more famous climbs (veering west of the Alps and barely dipping into the Pyrenees) in favor of flatter countryside. Printed slots are left blank so that viewers can record overall champions and the winners of each stage.

The verso describes the tour, and pictures show a more rugged race than that of the present day. In one image, a rider holds a bucket over his head to protect from the sun. In another, riders jog alongside their bikes through a rocky path. In a third, the riders are hosed down by a fireman in order to cool down. Other pictures, if colored, look the same as the modern Tour, with riders climbing high cols and the peloton streaming through the picturesque French countryside.



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This map was printed by *La Nouvelle Republique du Centre-Ouest*, a French newspaper headquartered in Tours.

Detailed Condition:

Folding map. Some minor edge and fold wear.