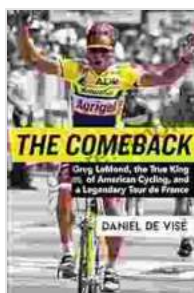


# Unveiling Greg Lemond: The True King of American Cycling and Legendary Tour de France Champion

In the annals of cycling history, the name Greg Lemond stands tall as a beacon of excellence and determination. As the youngest American to triumph at the prestigious Tour de France, Lemond's legacy extends far beyond the podiums and accolades he accrued. His journey, marked by both triumph and adversity, has etched him into the tapestry of sports icons, earning him the esteemed title of "The True King of American Cycling."



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## Early Life and Cycling Beginnings

Born on June 26, 1961, in Reno, Nevada, Greg Lemond's passion for cycling ignited at an early age. While attending Reno High School, he joined the school's cycling club and quickly demonstrated his exceptional talent. In 1979, at the age of 18, Lemond represented the United States at the Junior World Championships, showcasing his potential on the international stage.

### **Professional Cycling Career:**

In 1981, Lemond embarked on his professional cycling career, joining the French team Renault-Elf. His breakout performance came in the 1982 Tour de France, where he became the youngest rider to wear the coveted yellow jersey, although he ultimately finished second overall. Undeterred, Lemond returned in 1983 and claimed his first Tour de France victory, becoming the first American to conquer cycling's most grueling race.

Lemond's career reached its zenith in 1986 when he triumphed in the Tour de France for a record-breaking second time. This victory, achieved after overcoming a near-fatal hunting accident, cemented his status as a legendary figure in the sport.

### **Rivalry with Bernard Hinault:**

One of the defining aspects of Greg Lemond's legacy is his intense rivalry with the legendary French cyclist Bernard Hinault. Their duels on the slopes of the Pyrenees and Alps captivated cycling enthusiasts worldwide. In the 1986 Tour de France, Lemond famously staged a remarkable comeback, overcoming a five-minute deficit and snatching victory from Hinault by just eight seconds. This unforgettable triumph forever etched their rivalry into cycling folklore.

## **Post-Retirement and Advocacy:**

Greg Lemond retired from professional cycling in 1994, but his involvement in the sport continued. He established the Greg Lemond Foundation, dedicated to supporting amateur cycling and promoting bicycle safety. Lemond has also been a vocal advocate for cancer research, having survived testicular cancer in 1991.

## **Legacy and Impact:**

Greg Lemond's impact on American cycling cannot be overstated. His victories in the Tour de France inspired a generation of young cyclists and helped elevate the profile of the sport in the United States. Lemond's determination, resilience, and unwavering pursuit of excellence have made him a role model for athletes and enthusiasts alike.

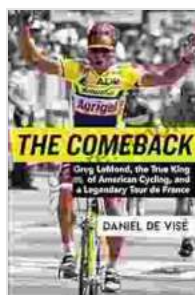
Beyond his athletic achievements, Lemond's influence extends to the technological advancements in cycling. He collaborated with engineers to create the first aerodynamic handlebars, which significantly reduced drag and became widely adopted in the sport.

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Greg Lemond's legacy as the "True King of American Cycling" is unassailable. His unparalleled achievements in the Tour de France, his triumph over adversity, and his continued dedication to the sport have solidified his place among cycling's immortals. Lemond's story serves as a timeless reminder that with unwavering determination and the pursuit of excellence, even the most formidable obstacles can be overcome.

For those seeking a deeper dive into the life and legacy of Greg Lemond, I highly recommend his autobiography, "Greg Lemond: The True King." This

captivating account offers an intimate look into the triumphs, challenges, and personal journey of one of cycling's most iconic figures.



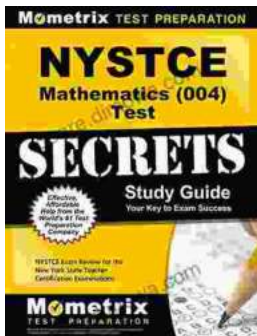
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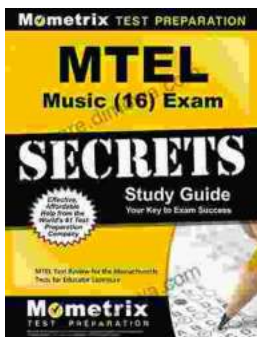
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