



Smoke streams over LeMond's head to give engineer a 'look' at the air-flow.

# Man And Machine

The Texas A&M wind tunnel has played host to NASA researchers, engineers from major auto and aircraft manufacturers, and now Greg LeMond.

LeMond, The 1990 Tour De France winner, was at the wind tunnel attempting to improve the bicycle he rode to victory in the final stages of the race.

John Cobb, a bicycle manufacturer from Shreveport, Louisiana, was performing the tests with LeMond on products he has recently developed for time-trial racing.

Aerodynamic drag was being calculated to measure the efficiency of the bicycle and rider in different conditions.

By calculating the aerodynamic drag with LeMond in different positions on the bicycle, the optimum set-up for the bicycle during races was determined.

LeMond, who took time out of his busy pre-season schedule to help in the testing, was hounded by members of the media interested in finding out how he was preparing for the upcoming racing season.

ABC Sports, members of the French media and various on-lookers were among those in attendance at the testing sessions.

As constant improvements are being made to bicycle design, aerodynamics is becoming

one of the more important factors in world-class success in cycling.

LeMond has a vested interest in this type of testing, as he now owns a line of racing bicycles similar to those he rides in competitive races.

LeMond said that in his two weeks of training and preparation for the upcoming season, he feels stronger and stronger. He is also optimistic about the 1991 racing season as captain of the French Team 'Z'.

Coupled with the success of the testing, the chances of duplicating his victories from last season will be greatly increased.

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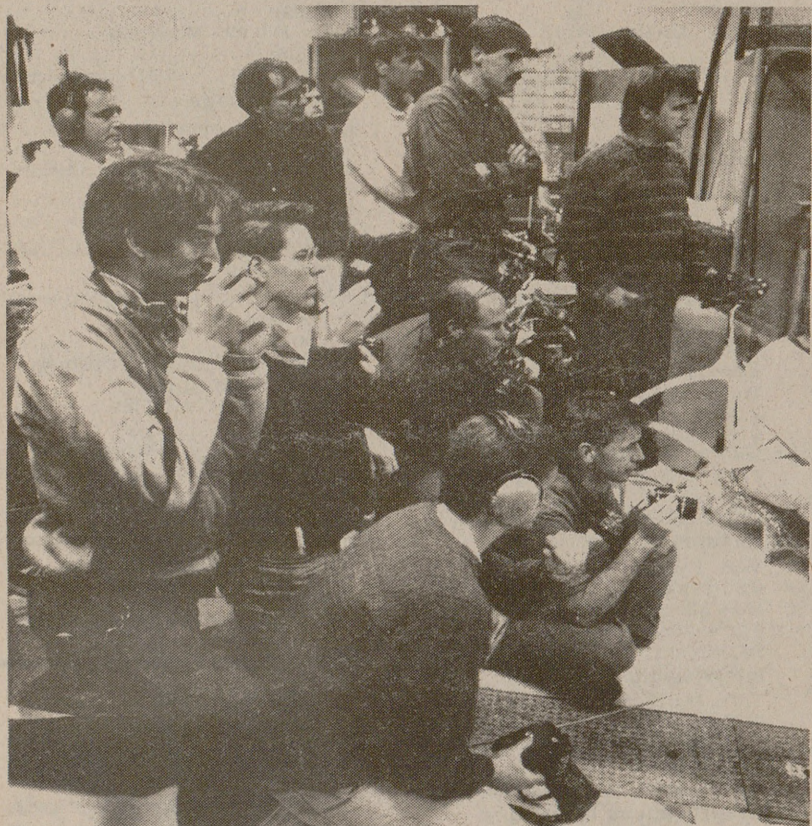
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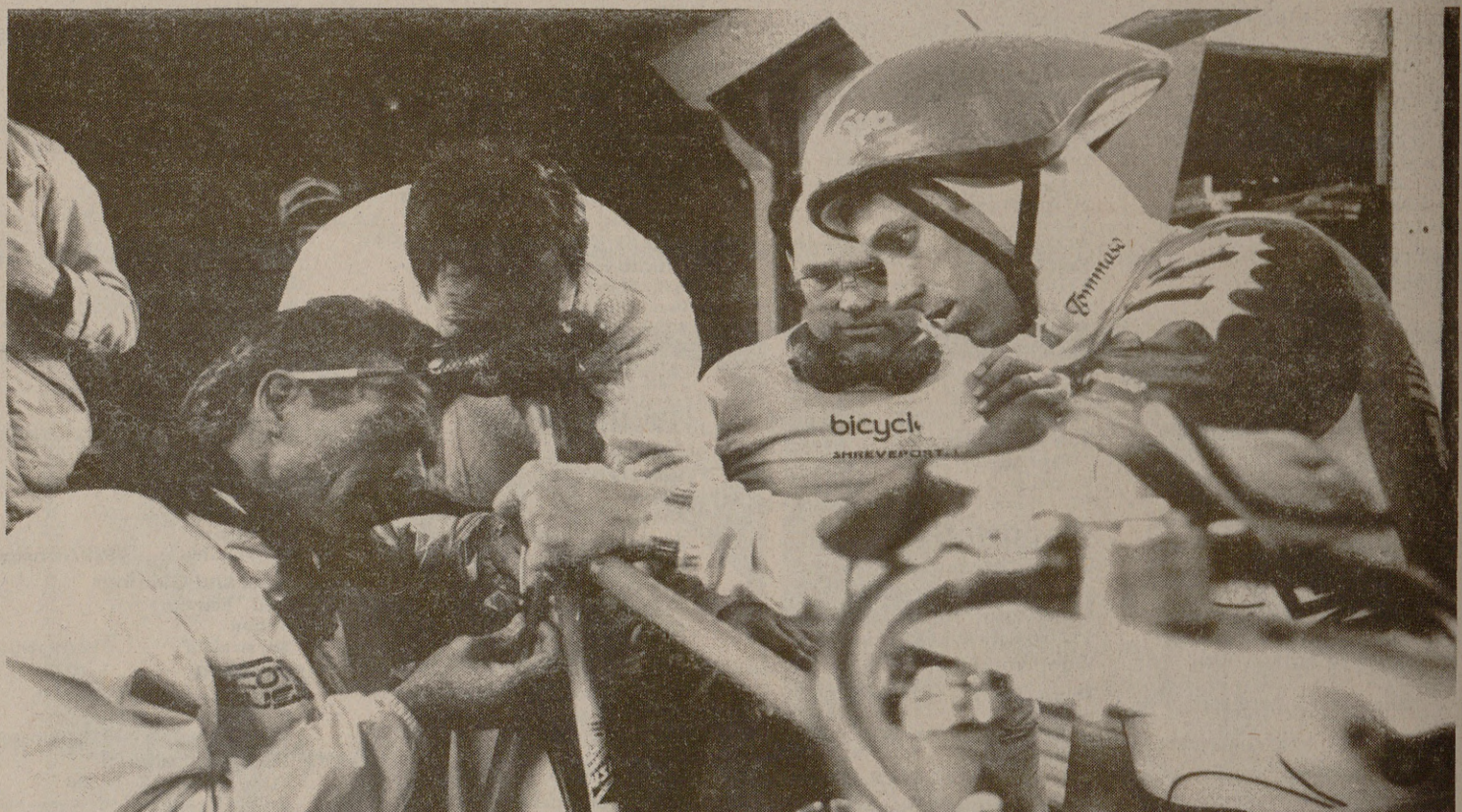
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Fine-tuning during the testing is performed by Boone Lennon, LeMond's personal assistant.



Members of the media crowd around to witness the testing.



A critical eye is given to the bike adjustments.

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