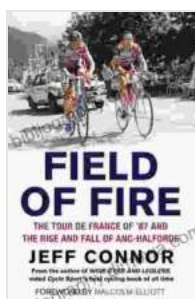


# The Tour De France Of 87 And The Rise And Fall Of Anc Halfords

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## The Rise of ANC Halfords

ANC Halfords was founded in 1984 by former professional cyclist Adrian Timmis. The team was based in Manchester, England, and its riders were a mix of experienced veterans and promising young talent. Timmis's goal was to create a team that could compete with the best in the world, and he quickly set about recruiting top riders.

One of the first riders to join ANC Halfords was Malcolm Elliott. Elliott was a former British national champion and had ridden in the Tour de France several times. He was a strong all-rounder who could climb well and sprint fast. Another key signing was John Herety, an Irish rider who was one of the best time trialists in the world.

With Elliott and Herety in the team, ANC Halfords quickly became one of the top teams in Britain. In 1986, the team won the British national team championship, and Elliott finished second overall in the Tour of Britain.

### **The Tour de France of 1987**

The Tour de France of 1987 was one of the most exciting and unpredictable in history. The race was won by Stephen Roche of Ireland, but the real story was the performance of ANC Halfords. The team rode aggressively from the start, and they quickly took the lead in the team classification. They held onto the lead for the entire race, and they eventually won by a margin of over six minutes.

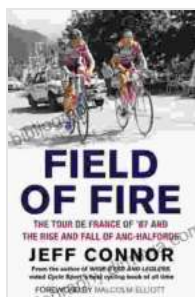
The victory of ANC Halfords was a major upset. The team was not expected to be a contender for the team classification, and their victory shocked the cycling world. It was the first time that a British team had won the team classification in the Tour de France, and it remains one of the most remarkable achievements in British cycling history.

### **The Fall of ANC Halfords**

The victory in the Tour de France of 1987 was the high point of ANC Halfords' success. The team continued to perform well in the years that followed, but they were never able to match their achievement of 1987. In 1991, the team disbanded due to financial problems.

The rise and fall of ANC Halfords is a reminder that even the most successful teams can be brought down by financial problems. The team's victory in the Tour de France of 1987 was a remarkable achievement, and it remains one of the most inspiring stories in British cycling history.

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