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Barney's Bicycle and the Seven Hills Wheelmen present the fifth annual



Sunday, July 23, 2006

BIKE CHALLENGE for MAJOR TAYLOR

10:00 a.m., Main & George streets
downtown Worcester, Mass.

See how fast you can pedal up one of Worcester's steepest hills, a 500-foot quad-buster where "the Worcester Whirlwind," 1899 world cycling champion Major Taylor, used to train. The average grade is 18 percent.



REGISTER ONLINE
www.majortaylorassociation.org



STANDARD AUTO

Open to ages 12 and up.
Entry fee \$15. Helmets required.
One rider at a time against the clock.



Registration
8:30-9:45 a.m.
First rider starts
at 10:00 sharp.

Proceeds benefit the Major Taylor Association, Inc., which plans to build a statue of Taylor at the Worcester Public Library in Salem Square -- the city's first monument to an African-American.



WHO WAS MAJOR TAYLOR? Marshall W. "Major" Taylor (1878-1932) of Worcester was the world's first black sports superstar. Known as "the Worcester Whirlwind" and "the colored cyclone," he was world cycling champion in 1899, American sprint champion in 1900, and broke numerous track cycling records. He was the second black world champion in any sport (after bantamweight boxer George Dixon in 1891). He had to fight Jim Crow prejudice just to get on the starting line, and he faced closed doors and open hostility with dignity. The Major Taylor Association is dedicated to honoring his athletic achievements and strength of character -- sportsmanship, devotion to God, caring for those less fortunate, and personal struggle for equality.

More information:

www.majortaylorassociation.org/events.shtml

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