

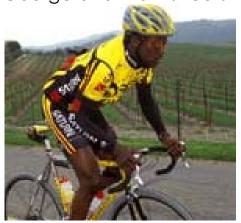




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MEET "THE NEXT MAJOR TAYLOR"

Wednesday, June 25, 2003 George and Main streets



Rahsaan Bahati



12:00 noon Worcester, Mass.

Rahsaan Bahati of Team Saturn,

first African-American to join a major U.S. pro cycling team in this decade, will join the Seven Hills Wheelmen bicycle club for a practice ride on George Street at noon June 25.

The steep, 500-foot hill has been a proving ground for Worcester cyclists since the 1890s, when Rahsaan's hero, 1899 world champion

Major Taylor,

aka "the Worcester Whirlwind," biked up George Street on his one-speed track bike.

Cyclists of all abilities and fans of all ages are invited to meet threetime national champion Rahsaan Bahati. *Bicycling* magazine says this up-and-coming sprinter "could be ... the next Major Taylor."

Worcester Mayor Timothy P. Murray will offer an official welcome.

Riders, bring your bikes and climb the hill to practice for the second annual **George Street Bike Challenge for Major Taylor**, an uphill time trial July 20 to raise money for the planned Major Taylor statue at the Worcester Public Library in Salem Square.

Details on the George Street Bike Challenge: www.majortaylorassociation.org 508-831-0301 or Barney's Bicycle 508-799-BIKE

