UNCOVERING
THE LIFE-HISTORIES OF BLACK-BRITISH CHAMPIONS IN CYCLING
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A sample of public responses
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• “This exhibition has changed my perception of bike racing. I always only ever saw white faces. It’s fantastic. I didn’t realise these people existed! Amazing exhibition. Thank you!”

• “Fascinating, heart-warming histories that demonstrate determination, grit and staying power.”

• “Although still not highly represented there is a bunch of inspirational diverse riders who have fought to put themselves amongst the best in the sport.”

• “All were worthy champions, but it seems that the system overlooked them due to race.”

• “It’s such a well curated experience and a really joyful celebration of an underlooked subject. Thank you! x”

• “Fascinating exhibition telling an important story!”

• “This exhibition highlights a side to cycling I had never seen before. The determination to get to where they had; then for it to be taken away makes you question society.”
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• “Fantastic exhibition but I feel angry for the lost opportunities for some of these great riders.”

• “Everyone of them experienced discrimination. It’s a massive shame on the sport; on Britain!”

• “They all had a very tough time to go through, but they were resilient and pushed through.”

• “I now have a heightened awareness of Black achievement in Cycling.”

• “I didn’t realise that there were so many Black cyclists.”

• “There is a severe shortage, not only pursuing but also able to sustain a career for various reasons.”

• “Structural prejudice came up in almost all of the testimonies as well as blatant prejudice.”