

## Cycling Commentary

*An activity of "Making Bicycle Races Exciting for Fans".*

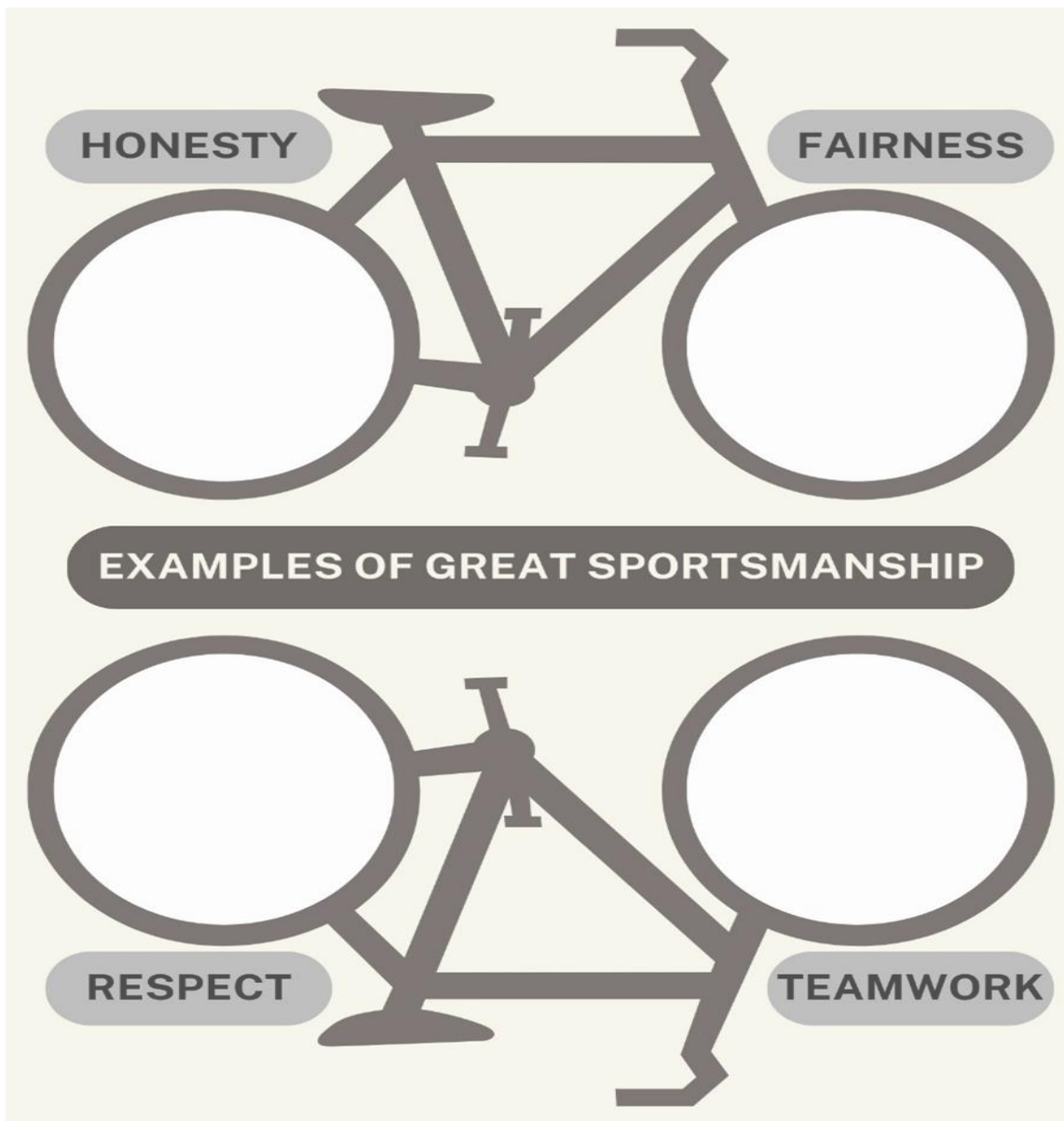
Read "Making bicycle races exciting for fans" (page 26, *What's Up* October 2023). Then, to warm up, watch the following video. The video clip captures an unexpected moment in a cycling race when a professional cyclist takes precious seconds off his own race to encourage a young cyclist.

### 12-Year-Old Cyclist Vs The Breakaway! | Tour Of Britain

➤ <https://youtube.com/shorts/Nvamav9N86w?feature=shared>

GCN Racing, Dec 24, 2021)

1. In the wheels below, list examples of how some virtues of great sportsmanship are demonstrated. You can cite examples from the article and video.



2. In pairs, complete the following half-written script for two sports commentators who are reporting on a live cycling event. Your section need not necessarily be based on the video you watched, but it should include an unexpected, surprising moment in the race. You may use some of the guiding words and phrases provided, if relevant.

Gain an advantage	Conserve energy	Pace is picking up	True test of skill
Challenging course	As they approach	Leading the pack	Push their limits

Commentator	Script
A _____	And they're off! The race has begun, and our cyclists are pushing hard from the starting line.
B _____	It's a mad dash to grab an early lead. Look at that determination!
A _____	Watch out for rider number 12, _____ (insert name). He's a top favourite to win this season.
B _____	And let's not forget rider number 24, _____ (insert name), a master on the steep uphill climb!
A _____	The sun is shining. We have great weather today and the crowd is just buzzing with excitement as we round the first curve.
B _____	Rider number 5 _____ (insert name) is taking the lead, followed by number 13 _____ (insert name). Everything's looking great.
A _____	Absolutely. We've got breathtaking views, incredible riders, a roaring crowd... Just look at them go!
B _____	Wait. Something's happening...
<p><i>Continue with your commentary for three minutes without a written script. Make it so exciting that your listeners will wish they were there in person!</i></p>	

3. Take turns to role-play being the two commentators and use your voice expressively to convey the excitement of the race.