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PRRO Circuit 2023-24 Resumes Action at Boilermaker 15K

American classic road race set to run on Sunday, July 9 in Utica, NY; \$65,100 in prize money available

UTICA, NY – (July 5, 2023) – On Sunday, July 9, the **Boilermaker 15K Road Race** presented by *Excellus BlueCross BlueShield* hosts the second stop on the PRRO Circuit 2023-24. The winners of the sold-out summer tradition will qualify to compete for the **\$15,000 PRRO Super Bonus** at the 27th **PRRO Championship** hosted by the Lilac Bloomsday Run 12K in May 2024.

The 2023 Boilermaker has drawn a top international field, including men's defending champion **Jemal Yimer** of Ethiopia, past race champion **Cynthia Limo** (2016), women's course record holder **Edna Kiplagat** (47:57, 2010), 2023 Bloomsday champion **Yeshi Kalayu** (ETH), 2:17 marathoner **Joyciline Jepkosgei** (KEN) and top Americans **Sam Chelanga**, **Reid Buchanan**, **Shadrack Kipchirchir**, **Aliphine Tuliamuk**, **Betsy Saina**, **Marybeth Chelanga** and **Sarah Pagano**.

"As an American classic road race, the Boilermaker 15K again has attracted an impressive international field, and the competition promises to be fast and

exciting,” said **Don Kardong**, PRRO Circuit President and Bloomsday founder.

Boilermaker will award \$65,100 in guaranteed prize money with \$14,000 U.S.-only money and \$7000 to each Open race champion.

At the 46th edition, more than 13,000 runners and walkers are expected on the streets of Utica on Sunday, July 9 with 8,500 in the 15K (sold-out), 3,500 in the 5K (sold-out) and 1,000-plus in the Walk and Kids Run on Saturday, July 8.

The PRRO Circuit showcases world class competition at four of *America’s Classic Road Races™*, the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile in Washington, DC, the Lilac Bloomsday Run 12K in Spokane, WA, the Boilermaker 15K in Utica, NY and the Quad-City Times Bix 7 in Davenport, IA. Current Circuit prize money totals more than \$340,000 in guaranteed prize money overall, including \$135,500 in U.S.-only money. The PRRO Circuit, a nationwide series of premier non-marathon road racing events, is organized and promoted by the Professional Road Running Organization (PRRO), an alliance of race directors.

Because the [PRRO Super Bonus](#) went unclaimed at the recent PRRO Championship hosted by the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile on April 2, it increased to \$15,000 for the 27th PRRO Championship presented by Bloomsday on May 5, 2024.

PRRO CIRCUIT EVENTS 2023-24

[Lilac Bloomsday Run 12K](#), May 7, 2023, Spokane, WA

\$81,000 in prize money (\$20,000 U.S. prize money)

WINNERS: Jemal Yimer, Ethiopia, 33:58 and Yeshi Kalayu*, Ethiopia, 38:49*

[Boilermaker 15K](#), July 9, 2023, Utica, NY

\$65,100 in prize money (\$14,500 U.S. prize money)

[Quad-City Times Bix 7](#), July 29, 2023, Davenport, IA

\$50,000 in USA Championship prize money

[Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile](#), April 7, 2024, Washington, DC

\$71,000 in prize money (\$31,000 USA Championship and RRCA prize money) plus performance bonuses

THE 27th PRRO CHAMPIONSHIP

[Lilac Bloomsday Run 12K](#), May 5, 2024, Spokane, WA

\$81,000 in prize money (\$20,000 U.S. prize money), tentative

**Qualified to compete for the \$15,000 PRRO Super Bonus at the 2024 PRRO Championship.*

To-date, PRRO Circuit events have produced 17 world and 18 U.S. road records, awarded more than \$8.1 million in prize money and seen more than 2.6 million runners cross their finish lines. In addition, since 1996, the PRRO Championship race has paid out more than \$2.1 million, including \$183,500 in PRRO Championship bonus money.

PRRO Championship and Circuit Year

The PRRO Circuit, launched in 1995, starts and finishes the Circuit Year at the same event that will also host the season-ending PRRO Championship race. The reigning titlists of the PRRO Championship and the event winners on the current Circuit are eligible to compete for the [PRRO Super Bonus](#) at the PRRO Championship.

Visit PRRO.org for more information, including its history and past champions, as well as how to join the PRRO Circuit.

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