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# **Quad-City Times Bix 7 Joins PRRO Circuit**

*Midwest summer classic offers \$50,000 U.S. prize money; Lilac Bloomsday Run 12K on May 7 to open the 2023-24 Circuit season* 

BETHESDA, MD – (April 24, 2023) – The **Professional Road Running Organization (PRRO)** has announced its newest event member, the **Quad-City Times Bix 7**, set to run on Saturday, July 29, 2023 in Davenport, IA. The Midwest summer tradition will be the third stop on the 2023-24 **PRRO Circuit**.

"The Quad-City Times Bix 7 is tremendously excited to join the PRRO Circuit. Our 48 years of tradition and history of supporting elite athletes make the Bix 7 a natural fit with similarly-focused PRRO events in Washington, DC; Spokane, WA; and Utica, NY," said **Michelle Juehring**, race director.

The 49th edition will also be the USATF Men & Women's 7 Mile Championships, offering \$50,000 in national championship money.

"The Bix 7 is a great event with a long, rich history, and we're pleased to welcome the race to the PRRO Circuit of America's Classic Road Races," said **Don Kardong**, PRRO Circuit President and Bloomsday founder.

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.

The Lilac Bloomsday Run 12K kicks off the 2023-24 PRRO Circuit season on Sunday, May 7, 2023. Because the \$10,000 <u>PRRO Super Bonus</u> went unclaimed at the recent Cherry Blossom, it will increase to \$15,000 for the 27th PRRO Championship, hosted by Bloomsday in May 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)

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

<u>Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile</u>, April 7, 2024, Washington, DC \$71,000 in prize money (\$31,000 in USA Championship and RRCA prize money) plus performance bonuses

#### THE 27th PRRO CHAMPIONSHIP

<u>Lilac Bloomsday Run 12K</u>, May 5, 2024, Spokane, WA \$81,000 in prize money (\$20,000 U.S. prize money), tentative

To-date, PRRO Circuit events have produced 17 world and 18 U.S. road records, awarded more than \$8 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 <u>PRRO Super Bonus</u> at the PRRO Championship.

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

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