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### Quad-City Times Bix 7 Hosts Third PRRO Circuit 2023-24 Stop

*Midwest summer classic offers \$50,000 U.S. prize money for national championship race*

DAVENPORT, IA – (July 26, 2023) – As the third stop on the **PRRO Circuit 2023-24**, the **Quad-City Times Bix 7** will encourage participants to "Run with the Best" on Saturday morning, July 29. The 49th edition of the Midwest summer tradition is again the host of the USATF Men & Women's 7 Mile Championships, offering \$50,000 in national championship money with \$12,500 for each USA champion.

"The Quad-City Times Bix 7 is thrilled to be the third stop on the current PRRO Circuit, showcasing America's Classic Road Races. Together with the USATF Championships, our 49th running truly will be extra special," said **Michelle Juehring**, race director.

The deep U.S. fields expected at Bix 7 include:

- **MEN:** three-time race champion **Leonard Korir** (2013, '15 & '21), **Sam Chelanga** (2017 USATF champion at Bix), **Biya Simbassa** (2022 USATF 25K champion), **Futsum Zienasellassie** (2019 USATF 10 Mile & 2022 USATF Marathon champion), **Clayton Young** (2023 USATF 8K champion), **John Dressel** (2023 USATF 25K champion), **Frank**

**Lara** (2020 USATF 15K champion & '21 race runner-up) and **Reid Buchanan**

- **WOMEN: Aliphine Tuliemuk** (2017 USATF Champion at Bix & 2020 Tokyo Olympian, marathon), **Edna Kurgat** (2023 USATF 6K champion), **Nell Rojas** (2021 USATF 10 Mile champion at Cherry Blossom), **Kellyn Taylor** (2014 USATF 25K champion), **Caroline Rotich** (2011 Bix champion & 2012, '18 & '22 runner-up) and **Annie Frisbie**

"The Bix 7, a true American classic road race, has drawn a top U.S. contingent to vie for the \$50,000 prize purse and national crowns, with the winners also earning start line spots at the 2024 PRRO Championship next May at the Lilac Bloomsday Run 12K," said **Don Kardong**, PRRO President and Bloomsday founder.

More than 10,500 runners and walkers are expected on the streets of Davenport this weekend, with 7,800 in the 7 mile and 1,200 in the Prairie Farms Quick Bix 2 Mile on Saturday, July 29 and 1,500 in the Arconic Jr. Bix on Friday, July 28.

For the non-pros in the 7 mile race, an additional \$17,500 in prize money will be up for grabs through the Caesars Sportsbook Teams Competition (5 runners with the fastest 4 runners scoring), Buick GMC Dealer's High School Challenge (first IA or IL male & female high school finishers; high school prize money will be awarded as a grant to the school) and the Russell Beat the Elite (two runners with handicap head start).

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)

*WINNERS: Jemal Yimer\*, Ethiopia, 42:06 and Jesca Chelangat\*, Kenya, 47:33, course records*

[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 \$8.2 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.

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