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Press Release

Kipruto, Wacera Win 40th Boilermaker Titles

Overall \$100,000 prize purse; 15,500-plus finish 15K or 5K; also 4th stop on the PRRO Circuit 2016-17

UTICA, N.Y. – (July 9, 2017) – On Sunday morning at the **40th Boilermaker Road Race 15K**, first-time champion **Silas Kipruto**, 32-years-old from Kenya, took the title in the men’s Open division, finishing two seconds ahead of defending champion **Teshome Mekonen**, 43 minutes, 55 seconds to 43:57. On the women’s side, 28-year-old **Mary Wacera** also from Kenya took first place, two seconds ahead of **Ruti Aga Sora** from Ethiopia, 49:18 to 49:20. Wacera is now a three-time Boilermaker champion, winning in 2014 and 2015 as well. She needs one more win to join **John Korir** and **Catherine Ndereba** as the only four-time Open division race champions.

Timothy Ritchie, 29, from Brighton, Mass. was the top American male finisher and took fourth place overall in 44:14. This is the highest finish by American runner since 1991, the year that the Boilermaker saw its last American champion **Ed Eyestone**. **Allie Kieffer**, 29, from West Islip, N.Y. was the top American female winner, clocking 51:03 for 11th place.

All of these results are unofficial pending drug test results.

The 2017 Boilermaker Road Race was also the fourth stop of the 2016-17 **Professional Road Racing Organization (PRRO) Circuit**, and as race champions, Kipruto and Wacera also qualified for the **\$10,000 PRRO Super Bonus** at the 2017 PRRO Championship *presented by the 5th EQT Pittsburgh 10 Miler* on Sunday, November 5.

A complete list of prize money winners can be found at:
<http://leonetiming.com/2017/Roads/Boilermaker/15kMoney.htm>

A complete list of race results including a breakdown of age group winners can be found here:
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The best 15K in the USA celebrates its 40th year. The Boilermaker is the premier event of Boilermaker Week. The race consistently attracts elite runners from all over the world, including Olympians and world record holders, and features distance running's most enthusiastic fans, as well as the sport's best post-race party, hosted at The F.X. Matt Brewing Company. To register for other Boilermaker events visit the official Boilermaker web site at boilermaker.com. Hotel accommodations and information about other local attractions can also be found on the site.