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Kiptoo, Chebet Win Quad-City Times Bix 7, Second PRRO Circuit 2024-25 Stop

Race champions also secure qualifying spots to compete for the \$20,000 PRRO Super Bonus at the 2025 PRRO Championship presented by the Boilermaker 15K

DAVENPORT, IA – (July 31, 2024) – On a warm, sunny Saturday morning on July 27, at the 50th **Quad-City Times Bix 7**, the second stop on the **PRRO Circuit 2024-25**, **Wesley Kiptoo** of Kenya and **Rachel Chebet** of Uganda won the golden edition over the challenging 7 mile course, clocking 32 minutes, 27 seconds and 36:11, respectively. In addition to the \$12,500 race champion's prize from the \$50,000 Open purse, each also earned eligibility to compete for the \$20,000 **PRRO Super Bonus** at the **2025 PRRO Championship** hosted by the **Boilermaker 15K** in July 2025.

In the men's race, Kiptoo, 28, took control early with a 4:46 first mile up Brady Street and never looked back as the 2024 Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile winner went unchallenged to the finish line. **Mohammed Reda El Aaraby** of Morocco edged American **Nathan Martin** for second,

both timed in 32:43. Defending men's Bix 7 champion **Biya Simbassa** (USA) finished 5th in 32:47.

For the women, **Grace Loibach Nawowuna** of Kenya pushed the pace as the front-runner until, during the last mile down Brady Street, chaser Chebet, 27, powered past the recent Boilermaker 15K winner and cruised to the victory. Chebet became the first Ugandan to win Bix, while Nawowuna finished 9 seconds later, running 36:20, with American **Maggie Montoya** taking third in 37:13.

"There was some impressive racing at the Quad-City Times Bix 7, worthy of its 50th edition. We look forward to seeing Wesley Kiptoo and Rachel Chebet competing for the \$20,000 PRRO Super Bonus at the 2025 PRRO Championship next July at the Boilermaker 15K," said **Don Kardong**, Professional Road Running Organization (PRRO) Circuit President.

At the 2024 **Quad-City Times Bix 7** and accompanying **Quick Bix 2** mile, more than 16,500 participants ran, walked or sprinted on the streets of Davenport, including 9,822 finishers in the signature event, the 7 mile. Complete race results [HERE](#).

During race week, American distance running icons **Frank Shorter**, **Bill Rodgers** (1980-81 race champion), **Joan Benoit Samuelson** (1983, 1985-86 & 1988 winner) and **Meb Keflezighi** (2002 & 2009 winner) as well as **Ed Froehlich**, race founder and long-time race director (1980-2019), were also part of the 50th running celebration.

The next PRRO Circuit stop will be at the **Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile** in Washington, DC on Sunday, April 6, 2025.

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. The 2024-25 PRRO Circuit offers more than \$340,000 in guaranteed prize money overall, with \$97,600 for U.S. athletes. 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 PRRO CIRCUIT 2024-25 SCHEDULE:

[Boilermaker 15K](#), July 14, 2024, Utica, NY
\$65,100 in prize money (\$14,500 U.S. prize money)

WINNERS: John Korir*, Kenya, 42:11 and Grace Loibach Nawowuna*, Kenya, 49:18

[50th Quad-City Times Bix 7](#), July 27, 2024, Davenport, IA

\$50,000 in prize money

WINNERS: Wesley Kiptoo*, Kenya, 32:27 and Rachel Chebet*, Uganda 36:11

[Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile](#), April 6, 2025, Washington, DC

\$80,600 in prize money (\$48,600 U.S prize money) plus performance bonuses

[Lilac Bloomsday Run 12K](#), May 4, 2025, Spokane, WA

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

THE 28th PRRO CHAMPIONSHIP

[Boilermaker 15K](#), July 13, 2025, Utica, NY

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

- \$20,000 PRRO Super Bonus to eligible male or female (split if both eligible male and female win)
- \$2500 to male and female non-eligible PRRO champions
- \$1500 to eligible males and females finishing in places 2-10

**Qualified to compete for the \$20,000 PRRO Super Bonus at the 2025 PRRO Championship.*

Reigning PRRO champions **Tebello Ramakongoana** and **Sarah Naibei**, who won the 2024 PRRO Championship at the Lilac Bloomsday 12K on May 5, were the first two athletes to earn a chance to compete for the \$20,000 [PRRO Super Bonus](#). They will be joined by all the athletes who win one of the 2024-25 Circuit events listed above. Those qualified runners are also eligible for the **PRRO Event Champion's Bonus** (\$1500 cumulative for eligible athletes who do not win the PRRO Championship but do finish in places 2-10 at the PRRO Championship). Any athlete who wins the PRRO Super Bonus is not eligible for the PRRO Event Champion's Bonus.

If the male and female winners of next summer's PRRO Championship at Boilermaker have not won any of the events on the current Circuit, they will be awarded \$2500 each as the PRRO Championship winners in addition to the prize money at the PRRO Championship event.

To-date, PRRO Circuit events have produced 17 world and 19 U.S. road records, awarded more than \$8.5 million in prize money and seen more than

2.7 million runners cross their finish lines. In addition, since 1996, the PRRO Championship race has paid out more than \$2.2 million, including \$188,500 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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