

2015 Lodi Mile: The Game of Track

The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.
–Phil Jackson

LODI - This year's Lodi Mile will feature star-studded teams clashing for the team victory as they cover two half-mile laps around the restaurants and wine tasting rooms of downtown Lodi on March 28th. The Elite races will be run in a dual meet set up, with the Bay Area Track Club facing off against the Sacramento Running Association on the women's side, and Seattle's Brooks Beasts pitted against a team of California All Stars in the men's race. The match ups will be scored cross country style, with the lowest scoring team taking the crown as well as the lion's share of the \$4,000 prize purse. The VCTR (Value of Cumulative Total Racers) formula will distribute percentages of prize money corresponding to the total points that team's garner, making it beneficial for the teams to work as a unite to secure victory.

Elite Men's Championship

SEATTLE'S BROOKS BEASTS

vs.

CALIFORNIA ALL STARS

Riley Masters (3:56.15)

Matt Hillenbrand (3:57.00)

Travis Burkstrand (4:00.01)

David Torrence (3:52.01)

AJ Acosta (3:53.76)

Tommy Schmitz (3:56.45)

Elite Women's Championship

BAY AREA TRACK CLUB

vs.

SACRAMENTO RUNNING ASSOCIATION

Ruriko Kubo (4:14.8*)

Lyndsay Harper (4:18.8*)

Kara DeWalt (4:26*)

Geena Lara (4:09.95*)

Ayla Granados (4:21.62*)

Danielle Domenichelli (4:26*)

*1500 times

The men's race will be a barnburner, as the California All Stars, led by 1,000 m American Record holder, David Torrence have a slight advantage from the clock's standpoint, but personal bests are but one metric that factor into a possible victory. It will be up to the Beast's to outwit the All Stars in a game of individual tactics and overall race strategy.

The women's event Features local Northern California stars as well as a couple ringers. Ruriko Kubo, the second fastest Japanese runner in history (2:01.9) will lace up for the BATC against SRA guest runner and 2012 800m Olympian Geena Gall (1:59.24).

The Lodi Mile, presented by Blue Shield of CA, Michael David Winery and TSH Inc. will also include other exciting events, such as an Open Age Group Race, a Crossfit Championship Race, pitting local Crossfit Gyms against each other in a team competition, and clash between Firefighters and Police Officers in an ultimate grudge match!

EVENT SCHEDULE

- 3:00 Family/Kids Race
- 3:25 High School Race
- 3:40 Blue Shield of CA Employee Race
- 4:10 Open Race
- 4:30 CrossFit Championship Race
- 4:45 Fire Department vs. Police Department Race
- 5:05 Elite Women's Team Championship
- 5:25 Elite Men's Team Championship

More information can be found at www.lodimile.com and on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/thelodimile>.

Join us on race day to run, sample Lodi wine at your downtown Lodi viewing location of choice and *"toast the competition!"*