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Clayton Murphy set for 3000m Clash in Boston

Three Olympic medalists face-off at 3000m while three US junior record holders highlight the future of US track

BOSTON, Mass. (Jan. 6, 2017) – **Clayton Murphy**, the 2016 Olympic bronze medalist at 800 meters, will step up in distance and challenge the reigning Olympic 5000m silver and bronze medalists, **Paul Chelimo** and **Hagos Gebrhiwet**, organizers announced today.

Also confirmed to make their **New Balance Indoor Grand Prix** debuts are a trio of American Under-20 Record holders: **Noah Lyles**, **Candace Hill** and **Donavan Brazier**.

The **New Balance Indoor Grand Prix**, kicks off at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center at Roxbury Community College, and is the only U.S. stop on the **IAAF World Indoor Tour**. The series of five international events begins in Boston and awards overall winners \$20,000 and a guaranteed spot at next year's **IAAF World Indoor Championships**.

Clayton Murphy, 21, has made a name for himself as one of America's great middle distance runners. In June, he won the NCAA Championship title at 1500m for the University of Akron and then took first in the 800m final at the U.S. Olympic Trials. At the Olympic Games in Rio, Murphy won the bronze medal in a time of 1:42.93, making him the third-fastest American in history. In Boston, Murphy will compete over 3000m where he will face two of last summer's three Olympic 5000m medalists: fellow American and silver medalist **Paul Chelimo**, and bronze medalist **Hagos Gebrhiwet** of Ethiopia. Gebrhiwet's best time for 3000m indoors, 7:32.87, is both the **New Balance Indoor Grand Prix** meet record and the fastest time ever run in North America.

Noah Lyles, 19, confirmed his status as one of America's most promising young sprinters when he finished fourth in the final of the 200m at the U.S. Olympic Trials. His time of 20.09 broke the national high school record of 20.13 set back in 1985. Lyles finished his 2016 campaign by earning gold medals at the IAAF World U20 Championships in both the 100m and as the anchor for the USA's 4x100m Relay team. Lyles will compete in the 300m in Boston, while **Josephus Lyles**, Noah's 18-year old brother and a two-time IAAF World Youth Championships medalist, will race over 60m.

Candace Hill, 17, made history in 2015 when, as a sophomore, she ran 10.98 seconds in the 100m, becoming the first high school girl and the youngest ever to break the 11.00-second barrier. Hill went on to win double gold at 100m and 200m at the 2015 IAAF World Youth Championships and last year won



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gold medals in the 100m and 4x100m Relay at the IAAF World U20 Championships in Poland. This will be Hill's first-ever competition at the **New Balance Indoor Grand Prix**.

Donavan Brazier, 19, is one of America's most exciting middle distance talents. As a freshman at Texas A&M University, Brazier won the NCAA Championship title at 800m in a time of 1:43.55. That time broke both the NCAA and American Under-20 Records that had been set fifty years earlier by the legendary Jim Ryun. In Boston, Brazier will be racing over 600m.

These athletes will be joined at the event by the previously announced Olympic gold medalists **Matthew Centrowitz**, **Jenn Suhr**, and **Ekaterini Stefanídi**, and Olympic bronze medalists **Jenny Simpson** and **Emma Coburn**.

Now in its 22nd year, the **New Balance Indoor Grand Prix** has played host to eight World Records and 14 American Records and will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

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