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**DES MOINES, Iowa** – The Drake Relays presented by Hy-Vee will feature some of the top American women's 1,500-meter runners in the Rio Olympic Games Preview field.

**[VIDEO: Drake Relays presented by Hy-Vee director Brian Brown discusses the Rio Olympic Games women's 1,500 meters.](#)**

The lineup is highlighted by eight runners who posted times that ranked in the top 20 in the U.S. in 2015 including Olympians Jenny Simpson and Morgan Uceny. Joining those veteran runners are the likes of the former World Junior Champion in the 3,000 meters, Mary Cain, and Brenda Martinez.

Both Cain and Martinez make their return to the Blue Oval after Martinez competed in the 800 meters last season while Cain made her Drake Relays debut in 2013. Martinez recently finished fifth in the event at the World Indoor Championships, while fellow Rio Olympic Games Preview competitor Violah Lagat was eighth.

Heather Kampf, a Grand Blue Mile champion, is also in the field that is bolstered by the return of four-time USA Outdoor Champion Treniere Moser.

Also racing for the Drake Relays presented by Hy-Vee prize purse will be Melissa Salerno, Heidi See, Rachel Schneider and Gabrielle Grunewald.

The Drake Relays presented by Hy-Vee Rio Olympic Games Preview is scheduled for Friday, April 29 as part of Hy-Vee Night at the Drake Relays beginning at 7:52 p.m.

Single-session tickets for the 2016 Drake Relays presented by Hy-Vee are now on sale as are all-session and multi-session tickets. To secure your seats at Drake Stadium, visit [www.DrakeRelays.org](http://www.DrakeRelays.org), [www.DrakeTix.com](http://www.DrakeTix.com) or call the Drake Athletic Ticket Office at [515-271-3647](tel:5152713647).