

Merrick, Krebs Win Vanderheiden Seek 2.4-miler

ROXBURY –Ken Merrick and Theresa Krebs continued their domination in the Roxbury Road Race Series, winning the respective male and female overall titles in the third annual Brian Vanderheiden 2.4-mile Seek Race.

Under the format, the race, which is named after a longtime runner in the weekly series, has half of the field run in one direction and the remainder travel in the opposite direction on the rolling layout, which includes the hill on Chalybes Road.

Merrick, 44, of New Fairfield, who won the 2012 Roxbury season title, was timed Saturday, June 29, in 13-minutes, 32-seconds – a 5:38-per-mile pace. It was his 12th win in the 19 races thus far this season at Roxbury and marked his 10th win over the last 11 weeks.

Jeff Sheldon, 33, of Southbury placed second in 13:46.

Krebs, the 2012 women’s champion in the series, tallied her 16th win of this year with a clocking of 16:14, taking 17th overall in the field of 69 finishers.

The series will continue Saturday, July 6, at 8:30 a.m. with an 8.2 mile race that will include a section along Judd’s Bridge Road. There will be no entry fee. Shorter, alternate races also will be offered.

The 5.0-mile Bill Burley MidSummer Championship will be held Saturday, July 20, at 8:30 a.m. There will be a \$5 entry fee that can be paid that morning from 7 to 8:20. Proceeds will go to the Roxbury park improvement fund.

The top overall male and top overall female finisher will each receive a \$10 gift certificate to an area running store. The latest inductees to the Roxbury Road Race Series Hall of Fame will be announced during a brief ceremony following the race.

The races, which are sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission, start and finish near the Everett Hurlburt Community Park on Apple Lane.

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