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Merrick, Levy Dash To Victories In Roxbury Mile I

ROXBURY – Running in strong winds and steady rain, Ken Merrick scored his sixth consecutive win of the season in the weekly Roxbury Road Race Series and Alana Levy made it victories in the women's division in two consecutive years in the Roxbury Mile I.

Merrick, 44, of New Fairfield covered the course, which went from near the end of Apple Lanes to the end of the parking lot at the Booth Free School on South Street, in 5-minutes, 12-seconds Saturday, May 25.

Joshua Rockwell, 33, placed second in 5:24.

Levy, 24, a native of Chappaqua, N.Y., finished fourth overall in 5:33, which was four seconds faster than a year ago when she was the first female in the Roxbury Mile I.

Her brother, Andrew, 25, was third overall, just a fraction of a second ahead of her in the field of 42 runners. Their two parents also were in the field.

The series will resume Saturday, June 1, at 8:30 a.m. with a 4.8-mile jaunt, which will travel along part of Judds Bridge Road. There will be no entry fee.

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. The proceeds will go to the Roxbury park improvement fund.

The top overall male and female finisher will each receive a \$10 gift certificate to an area running store.

The latest inductees into the Roxbury Road Race Series Hall of Fame will be announced at a ceremony following the run.

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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