Merrick, Krebs Score Wins Over Roxbury 4.3-miler

ROXBURY – Ken Merrick posted his 23rd win and Theresa Krebs her 26th victory of the season at the 2013 Roxbury Road Race Series by taking their respective overall titles Saturday, Oct. 19, along a 4.3-mile course.

Merrick, 44, of New Fairfield, who won the overall season title in 2012 and is leading the point standings again this year, was clocked in 24-minutes, 59-seconds, a 5:49 per mile pace, over the layout, which included a trip down the hill on High Bridge Road.

Jeff Sheldon, 33, of Southbury held the lead early in the race and took second overall in 25:29.

Krebs, 44, of Roxbury, the first female finisher, was ninth overall with a time of 29:29. She has won the women's title the last two years and again leads the point standings this season.

The series will continue Saturday, Oct. 26, at 8:30 a.m. with a 7.25-mile jaunt that will include a trip up the series of hills on Painter Ridge Road. There will be no entry fee.

The Bob Lewis MidAutumn Championship will be held Saturday, Nov. 2, at 8:30 a.m. over a 3.95-mile loop that will include a run along a jeep trail.

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 female finisher will each receive a \$10 gift certificate to an area running store.

The race is named after Bob Lewis, who has been active in the series for about 30 years and was the head director from 1986 to 2011.

The races, which are sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission, start and finish near the Everett Hurlburt Community Park at 18 Apple Lane.

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