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## Rossiter Outruns Ripp To Prevail In Burley Midsummer Race

ROXBURY – Former New Milford High School runner Noah Rossiter captured the Bill Burley MidSummer Championship, finishing nearly a minute ahead of Ryan Ripp, his closest rival over the challenging 5.0-mile course.

Rossiter, 20, was timed in 31-minutes, 12-seconds over the loop, which included a trip up the steep hills on Squire Road and Apple Lane.

Ripp, 27, took the runner-up position in 32:08.

Cynthia Degirolamo, 47, annexed the women's title and placed 14<sup>th</sup> overall with a 38:53 clocking.

Rossiter and Degirolamo each received a \$10 gift certificate to an area running store as the top overall male and female finishers in the field of 46 entrants.

The race is named for Dr. Burley, a former Roxbury resident and elementary school principal in New Milford, who started the road race series in 1977.

The runners raised \$220 for the Roxbury park improvement fund from the \$5 entry fees.

During the post-race awards ceremony, husband and wife Mark and Baerbel LoSacco, Mary Mahrer, Ken Merrick and Lee Anne Zarger were inducted into the Roxbury Road Race Series Hall of Fame. Longtime assistant director Mike Abraham was the recipient of a service award.

There will be no race Saturday, July 26, since the 47<sup>th</sup> annual New Milford Village Fair Days 7.8-mile run will be held.

The weekly Roxbury series will resume Saturday, Aug. 2, at 8:30 a.m. with a 6.2-mile jaunt that will include a trip up the long hill on Painter Ridge Road. There will be no entry fee.

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

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