

Davis Vanquishes Field In Roxbury 3.52-mile Race

ROXBURY – New Milford High School Stosh Davis, a member of the Green Wave's state Class 'L' championship cross country team, conquered the field Saturday, November 15, over a 3.52-mile loop at the Roxbury Road Race Series.

Davis was clocked in 21-minutes, 4-seconds – a 5:59-per-mile pace - over the course, which included a jaunt down the long hill on Hemlock Road.

Two-time defending season champion Ken Merrick, 45, of New Fairfield, who also is leading the standings this year, placed second in 21:44.

Leah Papsin, 26, from the New Preston section of Washington, was the first female finisher and took ninth overall in 23:14.

Following the race, the runners distributed the T-shirts from the 2014 fund-raising campaign. They raised \$2,010 and purchased 91 T-shirts. Since 1996, they have raised a grand total of more than \$36,000.

Former season champion Dave Harvey, who lived for many years in Bridgewater, drew the primary art and Michelle Marcisz of Roxbury assembled the sponsor art.

Some of the money from the campaign also will be given in grants to area high school cross country/track & field programs.

Letters have been sent to the athletic directors at the Pomperaug-Southbury, Shepaug Valley-Washington, Nonnewaug-Woodbury, Brookfield, Oxford and New Milford high schools seeking proposals on how they would spend \$600 or some portion of that figure on improving their cross country/track & field teams or facilities.

The proposals are due by Mar. 31 and a committee will review them through early April and then select the recipient(s) later that month.

The weekly races will continue Saturday, Nov. 22, at 8:30 a.m. with a run over the same 3.52-mile course in the opposite direction. There will be no entry fee.

The 14th annual Run For The Cure 3.0-mile race will be held Thursday, Nov. 27, Thanksgiving Day, starting near the Roxbury Congregational Church on Route 317.

The children's .7-mile run will commence at 9 a.m., the walkers will depart on the primary 3.0-mile course at 9:15 a.m. and the runners will start their race on that same loop at 9:30 a.m. The primary course will include a trip up the steep hill on Chalybes Road.

There will be a \$10 entry fee that can be paid that morning from 7:30 to 9:20 at the church. The proceeds will go to the cancer center at New Milford Hospital and the Shepaug Valley Division of the Relay For Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

The top overall male and top overall female finisher in the primary race will each receive a plaque.

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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