

Merrick, Valin Race To Roxbury Mile Victories

ROXBURY – Three-time season champion Ken Merrick captured the overall title and Debby Valin was the female winner in the Roxbury Mile II, which traveled along a course that started down the hill from the Everett Hurlburt Community Park on Apple Lane to the end of the parking lot at the Booth Free School on South Street.

Merrick 45, of New Fairfield was timed in 5-minutes, 25-seconds as he posted his fifth win of 2015 in the weekly Roxbury Road Race Series. He is again leading the point standings this season. Chris Deming, 48, of Danbury placed second in 5:50.

Valin, 48, of Woodbridge took 13th overall in 6:39. She also placed first in the female division in the initial race of the season, a 2.4-mile jaunt on February 28.

The Roxbury Mile I had been held in May.

The series will continue Saturday, September 5, at 8:30 a.m. with a 7.25-mile event that will include a run along part of Mallory Road. There will be no entry fee.

The eighth annual Two For The Show 3.1-mile race is slated for Saturday, September 5, at 8:30 a.m. There is a \$5 entry fee that can be paid that morning from 7 to 8:20. Proceeds will be used to benefit research into autism and juvenile diabetes.

The races, which are sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission, start and finish near the community park at 18 Apple Lane.

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