

Rossiter Wins Fourth Roxbury Run, Burns Cops Women's Title

ROXBURY – Cole Rossiter, 22, collected his fourth victory this season at the weekly Roxbury Road Race Series and Katie Burns, 20, won her first female title over a grueling 6.6-mile loop.

Rossiter passed former season champion Jeff Sheldon, 34, of Southbury on the second half of the out-and-back course and was timed in 41-minutes, 34-seconds – a 6:18-per-mile pace.

Sheldon took second in 41:53.

Burns was 17th overall with a clocking of 54:36 along the route, which included trips in both directions along Judd's Bridge Road and Sentry Hill Road.

The series will continue Saturday, June 20, at 8:30 a.m. with a 6.4-mile event that will travel along South Street, Minors Bridge Road and Falls Road. There will be no entry fee.

The 30th annual Bill Burley Midsummer Championship is slated for Saturday, July 18 at 8:30 a.m. 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 race is named after the former Roxbury resident who initiated the series in 1977, when it was eight races through the summer, and continued as its head director through 1979.

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

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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