Roxbury Abraham Laurels Go To Fraticelli, Cole

ROXBURY - - Nick Fraticelli, one of the top road racers in the metro-Danbury area, and Alyssa Cole, who has been a competitive runner since she was at Woodbury Middle School, were the male and female winners, respectively at the Mike Abraham MidAutumn Championship.

Fraticelli, 32, a former standout at Immaculate High School in Danbury, covered the 3.95-mile loop at the Roxbury Road Race Series in 23-minutes, 22-seconds – a 5:59-per-mile pace.

Ken Merrick, 46, of New Fairfield, who leads the point standings for a fourth consecutive year in the weekly series, was second in 24:53 on the course, which included a jeep trail starting at the three-mile mark.

The race is named after Abraham, a former New Milford High School coach who has won the season title in the Roxbury Road Series and served as an assistant director. He lives in Roxbury.

Cole, 28, of Woodbury topped the female division and placed fifth overall with a clocking of 25:55.

The Roxbury Half Marathon will be held Saturday, November 14, at 8:30. The registration is completed for that 13.1-mile event.

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

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