

Netzer, Lesch Premier Harriers Over 5.0-mile Roxbury Loop

ROXBURY – Two weeks later with the same results.

Harry Netzer and Donna Lesch followed-up their victories of September 30 over a 7.2-mile route with performances that were again worthy of a blanket of crimson carnations.

Netzer, 25, who ran at Bard College, and Lesch, 50, who is a graduate of Yale in New Haven and Duke in North Carolina, captured the respective men's and women's titles on Saturday, October 14, over a grueling 5.0-mile course that included a trip up the long, steep hills on Squire Road and Apple Lane.

Netzer was clocked in 33-minutes, 28-seconds – a 6:42-per-mile pace – easily besting runner-up Ken Merrick, 48, of New Fairfield, who was timed in 33:43.

Merrick is the defending five-time champion at the series and is again atop the point standings this campaign.

Lesch was 11th overall in 39:48.

The series will resume on Saturday, October 21, at 8:30 a.m. with an 11-mile run that will include a trip up the steep incline along Botsford Hill Road.

Runners can enter through the \$50 season membership or the \$5 weekly waiver.

The 32nd annual MidAutumn Championship will be held Saturday, November 4, 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 series' T-shirt/grants campaign.

Registration for the Roxbury Half Marathon, which is slated for Saturday, November 11, at 8:30 a.m. is available at www.roxburyraces.net.

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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