

Saturday, November 24, 2018

Birkins, Lesch Return To The Winners Circle At Roxbury 2.4-miler

ROXBURY – Wade Birkins and Donna Lesch outdistanced their respective fields so far that they might have been able to take the blanket of orchids even if they had been wearing bowling shoes.

Birkins, 28, of Roxbury posted his fourth victory of the season in the weekly Roxbury Road Races Club series with a time of 14-minutes, 23-seconds – 6:00 per-mile – in chilly temperatures over a rolling 2.4-mile course.

Birkins easily outran runner-up Randy Watkins, 55, of New Milford, who was timed in 15:20 over the loop, which included a trip down the steep hill on Chalybes Road.

Lesch, 51, of Southbury, who teaches at Woodland High School, garnered her second women's title of the year – both coming this month – and placed 13th overall in 19:23.

Lauren Contorno, 53, was the second female and took 16th overall in 20:06.

The series' 42nd season will conclude on Saturday, December 1, at 8:30 a.m. with a run over the same 2.4-mile course, except in the opposite direction.

Runners can enter through the \$25 season membership or a \$2 weekly waiver.

Youth entrants can participate for free by signing the weekly waiver.

The top six males and top six females for the season, which began in March, will receive plaques at a post-race ceremony.

The races, which are sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission, start and finish near the Everett Hurlburt Community Park at 18 Apple Lane.

For further information, contact Scott Benjamin, the race director, at ScottBenjaminWCSU2014@gmail.com, (860) 354-3521 or access

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