Wolfe, Krebs Hustle To Victories In Roxbury 2.4-miler

ROXBURY – E.J. Wolfe prevailed in the men's division and Theresa Krebs captured the female title Saturday, Apr. 19, in the Roxbury Road Race Series' annual 2.4-mile prelude to the Boston Marathon.

Some years ago the series opted to run the relatively short course on the Saturday preceding the famed distance run so that the regular runners who also do the Patriot's Day 26.2-miler could participate in both events.

Wolfe, 16, was clocked in 14-minutes, 47-seconds over the loop, which included a trip up the steep hill on Chalybes Road. Nelson Azvedo, 55, placed second in 15:55.

Two-time defending season champion Ken Merrick used the race as a training prep for the Boston Marathon, coasting to an eighth-place finish with a time of 15:38.

Krebs, 44, of Roxbury placed 12th overall with a time of 16:22.

The series will continue Saturday, Apr. 26, at 8:30 a.m. with the 24th annual Larry Kershnar MidSpring Challenge over a 4.3-mile layout that will include a trip down the hill on High Bridge Road.

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 top overall male and top overall female finisher will each receive a \$10 gift certificate to an area running store. During the post-race ceremony, the runners also will announce the recipient of its annual grant award.

The race is named after a former head director of the series who was the chairman of the Science Department at New Milford High School and later taught in the Education Department at Western Connecticut State University. He developed the concept in the early 1980s of expanding the race schedule from seven to 40 runs per year.

The weekly 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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