

Vazquez Outruns Merrick For Roxbury Crown

ROXBURY – Eric Vazquez, 15, defeated two-time defending season champion Ken Merrick, 45, Saturday, Aug. 16, over a challenging 5.0-mile course at the Roxbury Road Race Series.

Vasquez was clocked in 30-minutes, 33-seconds – a 6:07-per-mile pace – with Merrick taking second in 30:38.

Theresa Gallagher-Krebs was the first female finisher and took 13th overall in 36:44.

The weekly series will continue Saturday, Aug. 23, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.7-mile run that will include a trip down the steep incline on Ranney Hill Road and up the hill on Chalybes Road. There will be no entry fee.

The 7th annual 3.1-mile Two For The Show race will be held Saturday, Sept. 6, at 8:30a.m. There will be a \$5 entry fee that can be paid that morning from 7 to 8:20. Proceeds will go to research regarding autism and juvenile diabetes. 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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