

Merrick, Campbell Prevail In Roxbury 4.8-mile Run

ROXBURY – Ken Merrick posted his seventh victory of the season and newcomer Liz Campbell won the women's division and placed second overall in a 4.8-mile run Saturday, May 31, at the Roxbury Road Race Series.

Merrick, 45, of New Fairfield, a two-time defending season champion in the weekly series, covered the out-and-back loop down the first hill on Judd's Bridge Road, in 29-minutes and 12-seconds.

It was his seventh victory this year at Roxbury.

Campbell, 23, of Norwalk, a former runner at the University of New Hampshire, was clocked in 29:49.

The series will continue Saturday, June 7, at 8:30 a.m. with a 4.2-mile jaunt that will travel down the hill along Hemlock Road and up the incline along Ranney Hill Road. There will be no entry fee.

The 5.0-mile Bill Burley MidSummer Championship will be held Saturday, July 19, at 8:30 a.m. It is named after the founder and first head director of the series, which began in 1977.

There will be a \$5 entry fee that can be paid that morning from 7 to 8:20. The proceeds will go to the Roxbury park improvement fund.

The top overall male and top female runner will each receive a \$10 gift certificate to an area running store.

The runners will also announce the latest inductees into the Roxbury Road Race Series Hall of Fame at the post-race awards ceremony.

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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