

Clarke, Papsin Stride To Winners' Circle

In Roxbury 2.4-mile Run

ROXBURY – Ryan Clarke and Leah Papsin were the respective overall and female champions Saturday, Nov. 29, prevailing over a chilly, 14-degree temperature along a rolling 2.4-mile route.

Clarke, 19, was clocked in 14-minutes, 12-seconds over the loop, which included a trip down the steep hill on Chalybes Road.

Two-time defending season champion Ken Merrick, 45, of New Fairfield, who again tops the point standings this year, placed second overall with a time of 14:24.

Pepsin, 26, of the New Preston section of Washington, was fifth overall in 15:30.

The series will conclude its 38th season Saturday, Dec. 6, at 8:30 a.m. with a run in the opposite direction on the same 2.4-mile course. There will be no entry fee. However, runners are encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy to donate to a needy child during the holidays.

Following the race, plaques will be awarded to the top six male and top six female runners in the season standings, the most improved runner, and the rookie of the year, the recipient of the Bob Lewis Achievement Award and the winner of the annual service award.

The 39th season for the series will begin Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015, at 8:30 a.m.

The 11th annual Roxbury Marathon will be held Saturday, Dec. 13, at 8:30 a.m. Registration closed some weeks ago.

The 14th annual Run For A Cure Thanksgiving Day 3.0-mile run, which was postponed due to inclement weather, has been tentatively rescheduled for Saturday, Mar. 28, at 9:30 a.m. Further information will be distributed in the coming weeks.

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

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