<u>Decrescenzo, Gallagher Stride To Roxbury</u> <u>Winners Circle</u>

ROXBURY – Nick Decrescenzo improved his time by 31 seconds over one week, which carried him from being a runner-up to a winner, and Theresa Gallagher was victorious in the female division in her first run this year at the Roxbury Road Race Series.

Decrescenzo, 28, glided through the 2.4-mile layout in 13-minutes, 48-seconds – a 5:45-per-mile pace – to take the checkered flag in the second race of the series' 39th season after finishing second in the opener to the series' 39th season a week earlier.

Former New Milford High School standout Noah Rossiter, 20, placed second Saturday, March 7, in 13:58 over the loop, which again included a jaunt up the steep hill on Chalybes Road.

Gallagher, 45, of Roxbury, the women's champion in the weekly series for each year from 2011 through 2013, took 18th overall with an 18:12 clocking in the sub-freezing temperatures.

The series will resume Saturday, March 14, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.52-mile event that will include a trip down the long hill on Hemlock Road. There will be no entry fee.

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

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