Merrick Makes It Two Consecutive Triumphs; Mahrer Takes Female Laurels

ROXBURY – Four-time defending season champion Ken Merrick outran another former season winner to win the overall honors and Mary Mahrer won the female title over a rolling 3.1-mile loop at the Roxbury Road Race Series.

Merrick, 47, of New Fairfield covered the course, which went to the bottom of Hemlock Road and back, in 18-minutes, 58-seconds – a 6:07-per-mile pace. It was his second successive victory this season, as he had captured a 2.4-mile run a week earlier.

Jeff Sheldon, 35, of Southbury, a former two-time season champion, placed second with a 19:08 clocking.

Mary Mahrer, 41, who lives in Manhattan and Roxbury, was the female winner in the Saturday, March 5, event with a time of 23:26. She is a former female season champion in the series.

Before the race members associated with the upcoming production of Seussical The Musical sold merchandise. The runners will dedicate their next race, Saturday, March 12, at 8:30 a.m. to the production, which will be held early next month at the Shepaug Valley High School in Washington. The production team will again sell merchandise and also will award VIP passes to the runner with the best Seussical costume. They also will take optional donations to be dedicated to the production costs.

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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