

Saturday, December 7, 2024

It Is Abraham 1-2 At Roxbury

ROXBURY – Wylden Abraham, one of the best high school runners to compete in the 48-year history of the Roxbury Road Runners Club series scored his second consecutive victory by outrunning his father to win the season finale to the 2024 season.

Abraham, 16, of Roxbury, was clocked in 16-minutes, 59-seconds – a 7:05-per-mile pace – over the 2.4-mile loop that included a trip up the steep hill on Chalybes Road. He runs at Shepaug Valley High School in Washington.

Mike Abraham, his father, placed second in the Saturday, December 7, event in 17:18.

The race was unofficial since the awarding of points for the 2024 season concluded with the November 30 race.

Before the race, plaques were presented to the top six male and top six female runners in the 2024 point standings.

Mike Abraham, a former season champion, was first in 2024 with 1,074 points. Robert Hughes of Newtown placed second with 972 points and Chris Deming of Danbury, the season champion the last two years, took third with 910

Dan Lamb of New Milford placed fourth for a second consecutive year with 870 points, Steve Leslie of Brookfield took fifth with 829 points and Wylden Abraham was sixth with 871 points.

Rina McNamara of Litchfield was the top female harrier, posting 824 points. Miriam Acevedo of New Milford took second with 735 points and Cindy DeGirolamo of Newtown, a former women's season champion, was third at 688.

Kateri Danay of Waterbury, who was the female champion the last three campaigns, was fourth this year with 664 points. Lauren Contorno of Brookfield took fifth with 648 points and Ireme Clarke of New Milford was sixth with 621.

The runners also got a plaque for Bob Satterlee of Woodbury, who has been running the races since 1988. He was unable to attend, but indicated that he can receive the plaque at the 4-mile Brookfield Run For Sight on New Year's Day.

The runners sponsored 37 regular season races, the unofficial points race, the Roxbury Fall Classic and the Roxbury Thanksgiving Day Chairty Race – a total of 40 events. The Roxbury Road Runners Club holds more races each year than any series in Connecticut and reportedly the second most along the East Coast, after the Fresh Pond series in Cambridge, MA.

The runners finished collecting their contributions Saturday, December 7, for the Roxbury Food Pantry and their toy drive for needy children.

The 2025 series is tentatively scheduled to commence with a fun run on Saturday, February 22, at 8:30 a.m. The first official race is slated for Saturday, March 1, at 8:30 a.m.

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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