

Saturday, March 8, 2025

Clarke Chalks Up Roxbury 5-Kilometer Victory

ROXBURY – Former New Milford High School running standout Brady Clarke forged an early lead and prevailed over a 3.1-mile loop at the weekly Roxbury Road Runners Club series.

Clarke 27, covered the five-kilometer course on Saturday, March 8, in 19-minutes 25-seconds – a 6:16-per-mile pace.

Jeff Lipchus, 41, of the Sandy Hook section of Newtown placed second in 19:37 along the turnaround course, which included a trip up and down the long hill on Hemlock Road.

Clarke's mother, Irene Clarke, 56, regularly runs in the Roxbury events and took 32nd place in the 3.1-mile race. She placed sixth in the female season standings last year at the Roxbury series.

Jenna Bednar, 31, of New Milford, was the top female finisher in March 8 event, placing eighth overall with a clocking of 24:18.

The series will continue on Saturday, March 15, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.7-mile race that will include a trip up the incline on Ranney Hill Road.

Runners can complete through the \$30 season membership. They also can participate by completing the weekly waiver form and paying \$5. Youth entrants and current and former first responders and members of the military can compete for free after completing the weekly waiver form.

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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