

Saturday, March 1, 2025

## Abraham, Weiser Win Roxbury Season Opener

ROXBURY – Starting a new campaign, Wylden Abraham – the youngest runner in the field - extended his winning streak at the Roxbury Road Runners Club series.

Abraham 16, captured the final two races of the 2024 season at the weekly series.

On Saturday, March 1, the Shepaug Valley High School runner, who lives in Roxbury, prevailed over the same 2.4-mile loop that he conquered on December 7, the final race of last year's season.

Abraham was clocked in 15-minutes, 4 seconds – a 6:16-per-mile pace – over the jaunt, which included a trip up the steep hill on Chalybes Road. He ran a time of 16:59 over that course in the 2024 finale.

Jeff Lipchus, 41, of the Sandy Hook section of Newtown finished second in 15:08.

Abraham was sixth overall in the season standings in 2024. His father, former New Milford High School cross country coach Mike Abraham, placed first in the 2024 season standings. In the March 1 race, Mike Abraham took fourth place in 17:10.

Katie Weiser, 34, of the 4 New Preston section of Washington was the female finisher at the race. She placed sixth in 17:32. Last year's female season champion, Rina McNamara, 47, of Litchfield was the second female in the event and took seventh overall in 18:11.

The series will continue on Saturday, March 8, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.1-mile event that will travel in both directions along the long hill on Hemlock Road.

Runners can compete through the \$30 season membership. They also can complete the weekly waiver form and pay \$5. Youth runners and current and former members of the military and first responders 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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