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RIOXBURY – There is still plenty of snow left from Hernando, the Blizzard of 2026, which dumped more than a foot just 12 days earlier.

But the parking lot at the Everett B. Hurlburt Community Park is full and there are cars occupying a side of Apple Lane. The time change is hours away and Spring is due to officially arrive in 13 days.

There is a new, state-of-the-art registration and timing system, and 61 entrants – most of them wearing cold weather running- clothes - in the starting area.

The Roxbury Road Runners Club sponsors more races per year than any in Connecticut. It is now in its 50<sup>th</sup> season.

Brayden Dunn, 18 , a senior at Coventry High School, sprinted down the hill along the first tenth of a mile and would win the 2.4-mile event in 14-minutes, 4-seconds – a 5:52-per-mile pace.

Duun was fifth in the 3,200-meter run at last year’s Greater Manchester meet and took 14<sup>th</sup> in Class S state cross-country championships in 2024 as a junior

He also is one of 5,842 members of the Run 169 Towns Society – an organization of competitors who seek to complete a race in each municipality in Connecticut.

Dillon Bell, 27, the cross-country coach at Post University in Waterbury, placed second in 14:19. Bell, a New Milford resident who ran at Bethel High School and Houghton College in New York state, He captured three races in the Roxbury series in 2025 and posted eight victories in 2024.

Michelle Nahom of New Tazewell, TN, who ran cross-country and track & field at the University of Colorado, captured the female title and placed 11<sup>th</sup> overall in 18:42.

Amy Hanlon, 51, of Danbury a long-time runner who has completed the Boston Marathon and the Roxbury Marathon and many extended trail races., was second in the women's standings and 13<sup>th</sup> overall with a 18:54 clocking.

The series operated for the first time under a computerized registration system, which was coordinated by Franklyn Gandiaga of Derby with assistance from Dan Lynch of Bridgewater Both of them have participated in the series for several years.

The series will continue on Saturday, March 14, 8:30 a.m., with a 3.1-mile run that will extend to the bottom of Hemlock Road and then return to the community park.

Registration is available through [Roxbury Road Runners Club](#).

Runners should arrive early and check in at the Everett Hurlburt Community Park pavilion so that they are logged into the computer system.

Current and former military personnel, current and former first responders and youth entrants should inquire about discount fees. The general charge is \$45 for a season pass and \$10 for the weekly waiver.

The races, which are sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission, start and finish near the community park.

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Full results from the March 7 race are available via [Roxbury Road Runners Club](#).