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## Tracksmith, CT Run Co. On Hand As Mendoza, Hanlon Win Titles

ROXBURY – Tracksmith made a weekend journey to the winding roads of Litchfield County, with a stop at the Litchfield Hills Road Race, which was the brainchild of the late Boston Globe sportswriter Joe Concannon, whose other claim to fame was being the co-author of the autobiography of four-time Boston Marathon champ Bill Rodgers, the winner of the first Litchfield Hills race.

The day before, the Massachusetts-based premium running wear company – noted for such apparel as their Van Cortland singlets -visited the Roxbury Road Runners Club series, which was developed by elementary school principal Bill Burley, whose other claim to fame that he had acclaimed presidential historian Richard Neustadt as a professor at Columbia University.

Ironically, Litchfield Hills and the Roxbury series began within one month of each other in June/July 1977 – a year when Jimmy Carter proved that a peanut farmer could become president and Reggie Jackson was the straw that stirred the Yankees drink.

Ct Run Co, - which is developing an iconic presence in the western Connecticut running community with stores in Brookfield, Ridgefield and Darien - also was on hand at Roxbury, with its representative, Amy Hanlon, 52, of Danbury winning the women’s division over a rolling 6.2-mile out and back loop.

She was clocked in 50-minutes, 37-seconds and finished eighth overall.

The overall winner was Fernando Mendoza, 45, of Danbury, who was timed in 42:16 – a 6:49-per-mile pace. He recently had a time of 19:06 at a 3.1-miler in Danbury.

Chris Deming, 59, of Danbury placed second in 45:05 and added to his season-leading position in the Roxbury series. He has annexed 749 points through the first 15 events of 2026. Deming, who has captured the season title twice before, has 749 points – 177 more than Miriam Acevedo, 49, of New Milford, who is not only in second place overall, but is leading the women's standings. She won that title in 2025.

The series will continue on Saturday, June 20, 8:30 a.m. with a 4.2-mile event that will include a trip down the long hill on Wellers Bridge Road and along the Horrigan Trail.

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

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

The series will continue uninterrupted through June.

On Saturday, July 4, there will be no race since the Stephen Reich Freedom Trail five-kilometer (3.1-mile) race will be held at Steep Rock in Washington, sponsored by that town's Recreation Department.

On Saturday, July 11, the Roxbury series will resume at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.0-mile race that will start and finish at the Roxbury Land Trust's River Road preserve.

There also will no race on Saturday July 25, when the New Milford Parks & Recreation 8-mile and 3.1-mile races will be run.

Current and former military personnel, current and former first responders and youth entrants should inquire about discount fees for the Roxbury series. 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 at 18 Apple Lane.

For more information, contact Scott Benjamin, the race director, at [ScottBenjaminWCSU2014@gmail.com](mailto:ScottBenjaminWCSU2014@gmail.com), (v/m) (860) 354-3521 or access the Roxbury Races Facebook page, [www.roxburyraces.net](http://www.roxburyraces.net) or [Roxbury Road Runners Club](#).

Full results from the June 13 race are available via [Roxbury Road Runners Club](#).