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Roszko Tallies Third Win In Last Four Races; Acevedo Scores 12th Women's Victory; Deming Holds Huge Lead In Season Standings

ROXBURY – Stephen Roszko began competing in the Roxbury Road Runners Club series this spring and now during apple-picking season has emerged as a dominant figure.

Roszko, 39, of New Fairfield won his first race on September 19 over a 4.3-mile route and now has collected three triumphs in the last four races in the weekly series.

He was timed in 29-minutes, 19-seconds – a 6:59-per-mile pace – on Saturday, October 17 over a rolling 4.2-mile loop that included a jaunt up the hills on Wellers' Bridge Road and Hemlock Road.

Tai Swartzfager, 26, of Warren was second in 30:15. It was his first race in the series.

Miriam Acevedo, 49, of New Milford won the women's division for the 12th time this season She placed eighth overall in 34:15.

Acevedo has collected 1,057 points since the season began on March 7. She is first in the women's field and second overall.

Chris Deming, 59, of Danbury has an apparent insurmountable lead in the overall standings with just five races remaining in the campaign.

With 1,316 points, Deming is poised to take his third season title in the last five years.

Scott Benjamin, 68, of New Milford is second with 1.057 points, followed by Matt Cappiello, 61, of Southbury with 974 markers

Franklyn Gandiaga, 39, of Derby is fourth with 951 points, followed by Mike Abraham, 67, of Roxbury, who has 928 points. Abraham captured the last two season crowns.

Steve Leslie, 62, of Brookfield is next at 919 points.

The series will continue on Saturday, October 24, 8:30 a.m., with a 7.9-mile race that will include a trip in both directions along Dorothy Diebold Road.

The series will collect non-perishable goods for the Roxbury Food Pantry at the Church of Christ in Roxbury during the races from October 24 through December 5.

The races, which are sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission, start and finish near the Everrett B. Hurlburt community Park at 18 Apple Lane.

Registration is available through Roxbury Road Runners Club.

Runners should arrive early and check in so that they are logged into the computer system or sign the entry sheet near the staring area.

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 Roxbury Fall Classic, which includes a 50-kilometer race, marathon and half-marathon, is scheduled for Saturday, November 14. Registration is available at https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/Roxbury/RoxburyMarathonHalfMarathonand50k.

The ninth annual Roxbury Thanksgiving Day Charity Race is slated for Thursday, November 26, 9 a.m., over a 3.1-mile route.

Registration can be accessed via https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/Roxbury/RoxburyThanksgivingDayCharityRace.

The fee is $10 plus a $1.60 handling charge – for a grand total of $11.60. Race-day registration of $15 per runner – plus a $1.90 handling fee for a grand total of $16.90 - - will be available November 26 at the pavilion to the community park from 7:30 to 8:50 a.m.

If you are interested in working as a registration table attendant or course marshal for the Thanksgiving Day race, please contact Scott Benjamin at ScottBenjaminWCSU2014@gmail.com or (v/m) (860) 354-3521.

Additional information on the series is available via the Roxbury Races Facebook Page.

Results of the October 17 races is available at Roxbury Road Runners Club