

Racing for the nationals



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Racers Mike Matos, left, and Emily Rotella, right, both of Naugatuck, go head-to-head at the Soap Box Derby in Naugatuck on Sunday afternoon. The 15th annual derby is hosted by the Naugatuck Firefighters union and is sponsored by Sibby's Automotive. Zachary Zarillo, 11, of Watertown, won first place in the superstock competition and Michael Garbatine, 11, of Naugatuck, won first place in the stock competition. Zachary and Michael will get to compete in the All-American Soapbox Derby in Akron, Ohio in July.