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Merrick, Masopust Prevail Over Roxbury 6.6-miler

ROXBURY – Ken Merrick ran to his eighth victory of the season and Alison Masopust posted her third triumph this year at the Roxbury Road Race Series outpacing a competitive field over a challenging 6.6-mile course.

Merrick, 45, of New Fairfield, the defending two-time season champion in the weekly series, was clocked in 42-minutes, 25-seconds – a 6:26-per-mile pace – over the loop, which went to the end of Sentry Hill Road and back.

Ryan Ripp, 27, was the runner-up with a time of 43:47.

Masopust, 30, copped the women's title and took fifth overall in 46:25.

The series will continue Saturday, June 21, at 8:30 a.m. with a 6.4-mile run that will include a trip along the Minors Bridge and Falls roads. There will be no entry fee.

The Bill Burley 5.0-mile MidSummer Summer Championship is scheduled for Saturday, July 19, at 8:30 a.m.

There will be a \$5 entry fee that can be paid that morning from 7 to 8:20. Proceeds will go to the Roxbury park improvement fund.

The top overall male and top overall female finisher will each receive a \$10 gift certificate to an area running store. The race is named after the founder and first head director of the series, which began in 1977.

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

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