Merrick, Masopust Run To Roxbury Winners Circle

ROXBURY – Ken Merrick captured his ninth victory at the Roxbury Road Race Series Saturday, June 21, covering a demanding 6.4-mile course in 38-minutes, 58-seconds – a 6:15-per-mile pace.

Merrick, 45, of New Fairfield has been the season champion the last two years in the weekly series.

Noah Rossiter placed second in 40:38.

Alison Masopust, 30, was the first female finisher and took 14th overall with a clocking of 49:53.

The series will continue Saturday, June 28, at 8:30 a.m. with the annual Brian Vanderheiden 2.4-mile seek race, which is named after one of the veteran runner in the series.

Half of the field will run in one direction and the other half will travel in the opposite direction.

There will be no entry fee.

The annual Bill Burley 5.0-mile Midsummer Championship will be held Saturday, July 19, at 8:30 a.m.

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

The top overall male and top overall female finisher will each receive a gift certificate to an area running store. The latest inductees to the Roxbury Road Race Series Hall of Fame will also be announced at the post-race awards ceremony.

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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