

Phillips Edges Malek For Roxbury 4.2-mile crown

ROXBURY – Taylor Phillips, 23, won a photo finish over Paul Malek, 22, over a 4.2-mile course Saturday, May 3, at the weekly Roxbury Road Race Series.

Phillips was timed in 22-minutes, 53-seconds, a 5:27-per-mile pace, over the layout, which included a trip down the steep incline along Ranney Hill Road and up the long hill on Hemlock Road.

Malek, a former Brookfield High School runner who is now a captain of the cross country team at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, was the runner-up, just one second behind, in 22:54.

Alison Masopust, 30, of Morris was the top female finisher and took 10th overall in 28:21.

The series will resume Saturday, May 10, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.7-mile run, which will be a fund-raiser for the Shepaug Valley High School-Washington freshman class and for Lyme Disease Awareness.

There will be a \$5 entry fee to benefit class and an additional suggested donation of \$5 for Lyme Awareness. Both fees can be paid that morning from 7 a.m. through 8:20 a.m.

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

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