

Parker Makes It Two Consecutive, Masopust Posts Fifth Victory For Family

ROXBURY – - Shepaug Valley runner Sean Parker scored his second straight triumph at the Roxbury Road Race Series and Alison Masopust made it five wins this season for her family in the female division in a jaunt over a hilly 4.2-mile loop.

Parker, 16, cross the finish line Saturday, April 25, in 24-minutes, 30-seconds – a 5:50-per-mile pace – with Cole Rossiter, 22, a former New Milford High School harrier taking second in 25:03 over the route, which include a trip down the long hill on Hemlock Road and up the steep incline along Ranney Hill Road.

Parker also had been victorious the previous Saturday over a 2.4-mile layout.

Masopust, 31, of Morris, captured the female title and was 16th overall among the 41 finishers in 31:23. Her younger sister, Leah Papsin, had taken the female crown four times earlier this season in the weekly series.

The races will resume Saturday, May 2, at 8:30 a.m. with the 25th annual Larry Kershner MidSpring Challenge over a 4.3-mile course that will include a trip down the hill on High Bridge Road.

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

The top overall male and female finisher, respectively, will each receive a \$10 gift certificate to an area running store.

The race is named after a former head director of the road race series.

The second annual Shepaug Valley High School Class of 2017 charity race will be held Saturday, May 9, at 8:30 a.m. over a 3.7-mile route. There will be a \$5 entry fee that can be paid that morning from 7 to 8:20. Proceeds will be donated to the Shepaug Valley sophomore class for its activities. Additional contributions will be accepted to promote Lyme Disease Awareness.

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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