Parker, Masopust Stride To Victory At Roxbury 2.4-miler

ROXBURY – Shepaug Valley-Washington High School standout Sean Parker, 16, and Alison Masopust, 31, captured the crowns Saturday, November 28, over a 2.4-mile course at the Roxbury Road Race Series.

Parker, who was seventh in October at the state Class 'S' cross country championships, covered the loop, which included a trip down the steep hill on Chalybes Road, in 14-minutes, 23-seconds – a 6:00-per-minute pace.

Ken Merrick, 46, of New Fairfield was second in 14:52. He has won the season title at Roxbury the last three years and is leading the point standings again this year.

Masopust of Morris took the female title and placed sixth overall in 16:21.

The series will hold its season finale Saturday, December 5, at 8:30 a.m. with a run around the same 2.4-mile course, except in the opposite direction. The runners are encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy to donate to a needy child during the holidays.

They will be paired in two-person teams. There will be no points for the event, but the team and individual results will be compiled and posted.

Following the race plaques will be presented to the top six male and top six female runners for the season.

The Roxbury Marathon is scheduled for Saturday, December 12, at 8:30 a.m. Registration closed in September.

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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