

Merrick, Masopust Conquer Roxbury Roads

ROXBURY – Ken Merrick and Alison Masopust were the respective male and female champions Saturday, October 24, over a 7.25-mile event at the Roxbury Road Race Series.

Merrick, 46, of New Fairfield tallied his eighth victory of the season in the weekly series, covering the layout, which included a trip up the long incline on Painter Hill Road, in 48-minutes, 2-seconds – a 6:38-per-mile pace.

He has won the season title at the Roxbury series the last three years and is leading the point standings again this season.

Bill Goodman, 34, placed second in 51:46 as he transported his pre-school daughter in a stroller over the hilly layout.

Masopust, 31, of Morris annexed her 12th triumph in the women's division this year and placed fifth overall in 54:12.

The weekly series will resume Saturday October 31, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.52-mile run that will travel down the hill on Hemlock Road. There will be no entry fee.

The Mike Abraham MidAutumn Championship will be held Saturday, November 7, at 8:30 a.m. over a 3.95-mile loop. 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 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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