Clarke, Masopsust Post Victories Over Roxbury 4.3-miler

ROXBURY – Brady Clarke and Alison Masopust took the male and female laurels, respectively, over a 4.3-mile loop at the Roxbury Road Race Series.

Clarke, 18, scored his second triumph this season the weekly series. He was timed at the Saturday, March 26, race in 26-minutes, 29-seconds – a 6:10-permile pace – over the course, which included a trip down the hill on High Bridge Road.

He was able to hold off four-time defending season champion Ken Merrick, 47, of New Fairfield who placed second in 26:36.

Masopust, 31, of Morris tallied her fourth win in the women's division and took ninth overall in 29:25.

The series will continue Saturday, April 2, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.7-mile event that will travel down the hill on Chalybes Road and up the incline on Ranney Hill Road. There will be no entry fee.

The 26th annual Larry Kershnar MidSpring Challenge will be held Saturday, May 7, at 8:30 a.m. over a 4.3-mile route. 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 race is named after the late Dr. Kershnar, who was head director of the series from 1980 through 1985 as it grew from an eight-week schedule to the current 40-race format that stretches from February to December.

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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