

November 5, 2016

## **Merrick, Masopust Part Of The Winning Equation**

**ROXBURY – 11 or 24 = point standings lead.**

**Ken Merrick, who tops the overall point standings at the Roxbury Road Race Series this season captured his 11<sup>th</sup> victory of the campaign Saturday, November 5, over a 3.9-mile course in the Mike Abraham MidAutumn Championship Race.**

**Alison Masopust annexed her 24<sup>th</sup> triumph of the season to give her the lead for 2016 in the female standings.**

**Merrick, 47, of New Fairfield was timed in 24-minutes, 34-seconds – a 6:18-per-mile pace – on the loop, which included a trip along a jeep trail for part of the third mile. He has been the season champion the last four years.**

**Dave Harvey, 53, a former Bridgewater resident, placed second overall in 25:16. Harvey won the season championship in 1988.**

**Masopust, 32, of Morris finished sixth overall with a clocking of 27:10. She is seven points ahead of Cynthia Degirolamo in the women's season point standings.**

**The race is named after Abraham, a Roxbury resident who was a season champion in the series and winner of the Roxbury Marathon. He served as an assistant director for several years in the weekly series. The runners raised \$201 for their activities from the \$5 entry fee. The runners presented Abraham with a plaque and a Roxbury Road Race Series sweatshirt following the run.**

**The Roxbury Half Marathon will be held Saturday, November 12, at 8:30 a.m. over a 13.1-mile loop that will include a trip along part of Judd's Bridge Road. The pre-registration has closed.**

**The regular series will resume Saturday, November 19, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.52-mile event. There will be no entry fee. The runners plan to distribute their 2016 T-shirts following the run.**

**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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