

# **Merrick Makes It Three In A Row At Roxbury Races; Papsin Keeps It All In The Family**

**ROXBURY – Ken Merrick, a five-time defending season champion, posted his third straight victory to start the 2017 season at the Roxbury Road Races Club series on Saturday, March 18, and Leah Papsin made it three successive victories for her family in the female division.**

**Merrick, 47, of New Fairfield covered a 3.52-mile course in 21-minutes, 59-seconds – a 6:15-per-mile pace. Dave Harvey, a former two-time season champion in the Roxbury series, placed second for the third straight week with a 22:39 clocking.**

**Papsin, 28, from the New Preston section of Washington, was sixth overall in 25:11. Her sister, Alison Masopust, 32, of Morris had taken the female title the previous two weeks.**

**The weekly series will continue on Saturday, March 25, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.7-mile jaunt that will include a trip up and down South Street as well as up the steep incline along Ranney Hill Road.**

**The runners can submit a \$50 season membership waiver or a \$5 weekly waiver for 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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