

Familiar Winners Merrick, Masopust Make Strides At Roxbury Lid-lifter

ROXBURY – Five-time defending season champion Ken Merrick and 2016 female season runner-up Alison Masopust prevailed in their respective overall divisions Saturday, March 4, at the 2.4-mile opener for the 41st season of the Roxbury Road Races Club.

Merrick, 47, of New Fairfield placed first overall in 14-minutes, 56-seconds over the rolling layout, which included a trip up the steep hill on Chalybes Road.

Dave Harvey, 53, a former Bridgewater resident who annexed the 1984 and 1988 season titles in the Roxbury series, placed second overall in 15:31.

Masopust, 32, of Morris easily captured the female title and placed third overall in 15:53. She tallied 26 victories in the female division last year.

The series will resume Saturday, March 11, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.52-mile run that will include a trip down the long hill on Hemlock Road.

The runners can either pay \$50 and sign a 2017 season waiver or submit \$5 and sign a weekly waiver.

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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