

Magnifico, Masopust Make Strides At Roxbury 3.52-miler

ROXBURY – A couple of millennials – Matthew Magnifico, 32, and Alison Masopust, 35 – are apparently on the verge of qualifying for the Midas team at the Roxbury Road Race Club series.

Counting his victory in the actual time at the Ed Sandifer Staggered Start race in September, it was the fourth time this year that Magnifico captured the Gold Cup trophy in the weekly series.

He easily annexed the title on Saturday, November 16, over a 3.52-mile loop with a time of 22-minutes, 6-seconds – a 6:17-per-mile pace.

Chris Deming, 53, of Danbury placed second overall in 23:03.

Masopust, who resides in Morris, scored her 23rd triumph of 2019 in the women's division and placed third overall in 23:28 on the route, which included a trip down the long hill on Hemlock Road.

The series will resume on Saturday, November 23, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.7-mile jaunt that will include a journey down the long incline on Ranney Hill Road.

Runners can participate through the \$25 season membership or the \$2 weekly waiver. Youth runners can compete for free by completing the youth waiver.

The third annual Roxbury Thanksgiving Day Charity Run will be held on Thursday, November 28, at 9 a.m.

Pre-registration will be available via Ultra Sign-up in the link at www.roxburyraces.net through Monday, November 25. Post-registration for \$15 will be taken on the day of the race from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.

Proceeds will go to the Joseph Awlasewicz Fund through the Roxbury Scholarship Foundation.

At all events during November, the runners are collecting non-perishable food items for the Roxbury Food Bank at the Christ Church on Weller's Bridge Road.

The races, which are sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission, start and finish near the Everett Hurlburt Community Park.

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