

Harvey, Masopust In Winner's Circle At Roxbury 3.52-miler

ROXBURY – Dave Harvey rekindled memories of Carl Lewis, the H.W. Bush-Dukakis campaign and running races in small fields starting from near an elementary school parking lot and Alison Masopust provided another exclamation point in a season in which she has emerged as not just the best runner in her gender but is threatening to take first overall some week.

Harvey, 52, who captured the 1988 season title at the Roxbury Road Race Series by winning the last race of that season in course-record time to edge his friend Ed Sandifer in torrid race for that crown, captured his second victory of the 2016 season Saturday, October 8, in the weekly series.

The former Bridgewater resident was a standout distance runner at Shepaug Valley High School-Washington and Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania. He was a frequent winner in the races through the late 1980s when they started and finished near the Booth Free Elementary School on South Street and in the early 1990s after they moved to the current starting-finishing site on Apple Lane.

Harvey, who now lives in the eastern part of the state, covered the 3.52-mile loop, which included a trip up the long hill on Hemlock Road, in 22-minutes, 47-seconds – a 6:28-per-mile pace.

Masopust, 32, of Morris was second overall and posted her 21st victory in the female division this year. She was clocked in 23:43. It marked the third time in recent weeks in which she has placed second overall. She leads the female point standings for the 2016 season.

The series will continue Saturday, October 15, at 8:30 a.m. with a 4.3-mile run that will include a trip down the hill on High Bridge Road. There will be no entry fee.

The Mike Abraham MidAutumn Challenge will be run on Saturday, November 5, at 8:30 a.m. over a 3.9-mile course that will include a jeep trail in part of the last mile. 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 a former season champion and assistant director in the series, who also coached the New Milford High School boys cross country team for many years.

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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