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Merrick Makes It Five Straight; Masopust Garners Fourth Victory Of 2017

ROXBURY – Five-time defending champ Ken Merrick and last year's season female runner-up Alison Masopust scored victories in their respective divisions at the Roxbury Road Runners Club's 4.2-mile run.

Merrick, 47, of New Fairfield has now won all five of the events this season in the weekly series after covering the loop, which included a trip down the long hill on Hemlock Road and up the steep incline on Ranney Hill Road, on Saturday, April 1, in 25-minutes, 51-seconds – a 6:09-per-mile pace.

Dave Harvey, 53, of Killingworth, a former two-time season champion, placed second for the fifth consecutive week. He was clocked in 27:02.

Masopust, 33, of Morris annexed the female title for a fourth time in 2017, with a time of 31:15, which was sixth place overall.

The series will resume on Saturday, April 8, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.7-mile jaunt that will include a trip down the long hill on Chalybes Road and up the steep incline on Ranney Hill Road.

Runners can participate through the \$50 season membership or a one-week waiver, which costs \$5.

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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