

December 1, 2018

Watkins, Masopust Wear Season Championship Crowns; Deming Dashes To Victory In Finale

ROXBURY – Former season champion Chris Deming prevailed in the final event of the Roxbury Road Races Club series 42nd season, but Randy Watkins and Alison Masopust gave season performances worthy of having their names etched on a wooden leader board decorated with Ivy.

Watkins, 55, of New Milford won the season title in the weekly series for the first time, amassing 1,269 points over the 34 races that counted in the point standings between March 3 and November 24.

Masopust, 34, of Morris garnered the women's title for a second consecutive year and was third overall in the standings with 1.058 points.

Chris Deming, 52, of Danbury, a former season champion, was the winner of the final race of the season on Saturday, December 1, which didn't count in the point standings.

Deming placed second overall for the season with 1.138 points and was clocked in 17:07 – a 7:08-per-mile pace – over the 2.4-mile course in the campaign-closer, which included a jaunt up the steep hill on Chalybes Road.

Jon Binzen was second in 17:11 and Watkins took the bronze prize with a clocking of 18:43 in the windy and icy conditions.

In the men's division for the season, Lou Denaro was third with 1,002 points, Steven Leslie of Brookfield was fourth at 977 markers and Ross Levy, who has a part-time residence in Roxbury, was fifth with 929 points. Dan Lamb of New Milford placed sixth with 912 points.

In the women's division, Lauren Controno took second with 713 points, Donna Lesch of Southbury was third with 654 points and Irene Clarke of New Milford

was fourth with 635 points. Cynthia Degirolamo of Newtown placed fifth with 613 points and Anita Hannon of New Milford was sixth with 544 markers.

The top six male and females in their respective standings were awarded plaques.

The races, which are sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission, start and finish near the Everett Hurlburt Community Park at 18 Apple Lane.

The 43rd season is tentatively slated to open with a 2.4-mile run on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

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