

Watkins, Masopust Earn Orchids At Roxbury

3.52-miler

ROXBURY – On a day when the thoroughbreds ran for a bed of Black-Eyed Susans in Baltimore, Randy Watkins and Alison Masopust each earned a bouquet of Dendrobium Orchids in Roxbury after striding through steady rain to victory in their respective divisions over a 3.52-mile loop.

Watkins, 54, of New Milford was clocked in 23-minutes, 23-seconds – a 6:39-per-mile pace - as he came under the wire as the overall champion.

Chris Deming, 51, of Danbury placed second overall Saturday, May 19, in 23:50 over the course, which included a trip up the long hill on Hemlock Road.

Masopust, 34, of Morris was the first female and fourth overall with 24:50 clocking at the weekly Roxbury Road Races Club series event. It was her seventh triumph in the women’s division during 2018.

The series will resume on Saturday, May 26, at 8:30 a.m. with the Roxbury Mile I, which will travel from the lower end of Apple Lane to the end of the parking lot at the Booth Free Elementary School along South Street.

Runners can enter through the \$25 season membership of the \$2 weekly waiver. Youth runners can complete the waiver and enter for free.

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

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