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Doyle Routs Roxbury Field; Masopust Marches To Female Course Record

ROXBURY – Bethel - a town with a 5-mile race named after John DeMille, the former longtime high school boys' cross country and track & field coach, and a cross country course named after the former coach of the Wildcats' girls' running program, Mark Goodwin, who is now the Pomperaug-Southbury coach – is adding new names to its harrier honor society.

Bethel High School (BHS) junior Robby Doyle easily copped the 3.1-mile race on Saturday, March 16, at the Roxbury Road Races Club's series.

He outran Wildcat teammate Henry Specht, a senior, on the layout with a time of 18-minutes, 09-seconds – a 5:51-per-mile pace. Specht held on for second place on the rolling loop that included a trip up and down the hill on Hemlock Road, finishing with a time of 18:48.

Alison Masopust, 35, of Morris set a women's course record of 19:40 to place fifth overall. The previous mark had been set by former Princeton University runner Marge DeMarrais, a Sharon resident, in September 2009, when she was clocked in 19:41.

Bethel High School annexed the second position in the female field as freshman Ava Graham was sixth overall in 20:00.in the windy conditions.

The weekly series will resume on Saturday, March 23, at 8:30 a.m. with a 3.52-mile run that will include a trip up the hills on Route 67.

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

The 29th annual Larry Kershner MidSpring Challenge will be run Saturday, May 4, over a 4.3-mile route that will include a trip down the hill on High Bridge Road.

The event is named after the second race director for the series.

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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