

Saturday, March 30, 2019

## **Birkins Best In Field; Masopust Sets Women's Record, Remains Undefeated**

ROXBURY – Wade Birkins and Alison Masopust delivered performances worthy of a blanket of purple and white orchids after mastering a 3.7-mile loop on Saturday, March 30, at the Roxbury Road Races Club series.

Birkins, 29, of Roxbury took an early lead and was about a furlong ahead of the rest of the 58-runner field with a finish of 22-minutes – a 5:57-per-mile pace – over the route, which included a trip up the long incline on Ranney Hill Road.

Harry Netzer, 26, was second in 22:48.

Masopust, 35, of Morris was third overall in 23:02, a women's course record. She has taken the female title in each of the three races this year in the weekly series.

The series will continue on Saturday, April 6, at 8:30 a.m. with a run over 3.6-mile layout, which will include a trip along High Bridge Road and a jeep trail that extends from River Road to Rocky Mountain Road.

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

The Larry Kershner MidSpring Challenge is slated for Saturday, May 4, at 8:30 a.m. over a 4.3-mile route. It is named after the second head director of the race 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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