

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Masopust Scores Doubleheader Victory

ROXBURY – Alison Masopust scored an unlikely two-fer in capturing both the actual time and the staggered start titles at the 35th annual Ed Sandifer Classic.

Masopust, 39, of Morris was timed in 15-minutes, 28-seconds – a 6:27-per-mile pace in actual time - at the Roxbury Road Runners Club series event which is named after a former 12-time season champion in the series.

In the staggered start format, in which the runners take off according to their ability, Masopust pulled into the lead in the Saturday, October 7, race shortly after making the last turn on to Apple Lane – just before the 2.0-mile mark.

She has captured the Roxbury female season title three times.

Felipe T. Birk, 44, of Washington placed second in 15:51.

The series will continue with a 5.0-mile race on Saturday, October 14, at 8:30 a.m. that will include a trip up the long hill on Squire Road.

Runners can compete through the \$25 season membership. They also can participate by completing the weekly waiver form. If they have a timing chip, the cost is \$2. If they do not have a timing chip, the fee is \$5. First Responders, former and current members of the military and youth runners can compete for free after completing the weekly waiver form.

The Roxbury Marathon, Half Marathon and 50-kilometer races are scheduled for Saturday, November 11, at 8:30 a.m. Further information is available at the Roxbury Races Facebook page.

The Roxbury Thanksgiving Day Charity Race will be held on Thursday, November 23, at 9 a.m. Pre-registration is available at

<https://ultrasignup.com/register.aspx?did=105567>. Proceeds will be donated to the Roxbury Scholarship Foundation and first responders.

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

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