Adler, Wechsler record S.J. #1 and #2 times in the 3,200 at the Bennett Center

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Oliver Adler and Ethan Wechsler are at it again.

The long-time South Jersey, Olympic Conference and Group 4 rivals have been battling for a couple years now outdoors, on the XC trails and indoors as well.

Wechsler and Adler went 1-2 in the 3,200 at Group 4 sectionals last spring, 1-2 at the Olympic Conference XC meet, 2-3 at sectionals and states, 4-5 at Meet of Champions this past fall.

On Saturday, Adler edged Wechsler in the 3,200 at the Olympic Conference meet with the two-fastest South Jersey times this year.

Adler, a Cherry Hill East senior, ran 9:38.33 and Wechsler, a Cherokee senior, ran 9:38.96 on the flat 200-meter track at the Bennett Center in Toms River.

Their times are No. 3 and No. 4 in the state this year. Stephen Daly of Delbarton ran 9:33.52 at the Armory Saturday, and Jack Jennings of Mendham ran 9:35.79 at Drew earlier this month.

Adler's PR is 9:34.97 from a meet at the Bennett Center last winter. Wechsler's indoor PR is 9:21.02 at state last winter.

Cherry Hill East junior Aidan Eyre was third in 9:45.64, No. 3 in South Jersey this year so far.

That's a 28-second drop from his indoor PR of 10:13.36 at the Bennett Center a year ago this week. It's a seven-second drop from his outdoor PR of 9:41.41, which he ran at Cherokee in April.