

Cherokee grad Ethan Wechsler runs indoor 3,000 PR in first college track race!

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Syracuse freshman [Ethan Wechsler](#) ran his first collegiate track race Friday, running 8:33.54 for 3,000 meters. Wechsler raced at the [Virginia Tech Invitational](#) at Rector Field House in Blacksburg, Va.

Wechsler has never run a 3,000 before. He has a 3,200 PR of 9:10.90 from the spring of 2019 and an indoor 3,200 PR of 9:12.20 from last year's Meet of Champions at Ocean Breeze 10 months ago. That was his last race on the track.

His 8:33.54 converts to about a 9:14.62 for two miles or a 9:11.39 for 3,200, so it's essentially an indoor PR.

Wechsler finished third in the second of two sections of the race, just behind Dave Whitfield, running unattached, who ran 8:31.90. Overall, Wechsler finished only 8 1/2 seconds behind the first collegiate, Bashir Mosavel-Lo, a junior at Virginia Tech.