

Cherokee boys average 16:35 at Holmdel, take 2nd in MileSplit's Shore Coaches merge!!!

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The Cherokee boys finish second overall in [MileSplit's merge](#) of the 168 full teams that competed in the seven varsity races at Shore Coaches on Saturday.

Cherokee [finished third in Group A](#), 20 points behind West Windsor-Plainsboro North at Holmdel County Park. The Chiefs tied with Mendham for second but placed third when Mendham's sixth runner finished six seconds ahead of Cherokee's.

And it was WW-P-N that won the New Jersey MileSplit merge, 128-184, over the Chiefs. Only Ridge (208), Mendham (225), Westfield (342) and North Hunterdon (357) were also under 400.

Cherokee averaged 16:35.8 for its five scorers, third-fastest overall behind WW-P-N (16:23.4), which had Luke Johnson run 15:32, and Mendham, which got a 15:50 from Jack Jennings.

Senior Ethan Wechsler led Cherokee at 16:00 for sixth overall in the merge, with Chase Miller 25th in 16:33, Tyler Jackson 34th at 16:40, Nico Grilli 43rd in 16:44 and Michael Gavio 76th in 17:02. Daniel Boria (17:16) and Robert Hackney (17:29) gave Cherokee all seven under 17:30.

Other South Jersey schools in the top-25 in the MileSplit merge were Cherry Hill East (8th at 424), Ocean City (10th in 526), Kingsway (17th at 726), Haddon Township (19th at 770) and Delsea (22nd at 812).