## Conor Jacob, Robert Poplau continue Cherokee 800 dominance, Lathan Brown, Billy Clewell also go sub-1:57 at Haddonfield!!!!!

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Cherokee junior **Conor Jacob** and sophomore **Robert Poplau** both PR'd in the 800 Tuesday night at <u>Haddonfield Distance Night</u> as the Chiefs continue to pile up sub-2 half-milers this spring. Jacob won the race in 1:55.93, and Poplau was 5th overall and the top sophomore with a 1:57.10.

Deptford junior Lathan Brown took 2nd with a PR of 1:56.19 and Camden Catholic senior Billy Clewell was 3rd in 1:56.36.

Some 15 half-milers broke two minutes, including Haddonfield junior George Andrus [PR 1:57.52], Woodbury sophomore Peyton Shute [PR 1:57.93], Timber Creek sophomore Robert Wakefield [1:58.30], Cinnaminson junior Derek Coceano [PR 1:59.30], Haddon Heights junior Jack Bolling [PR 1:59.50], Haddon Heights junior Matthew Iuvara [1:59.51] and Cherokee junior **Thomas Bromley** [1:59.85].

**Jacob** lowered his PR from 1:56.26 from the South Jersey Elite at Delsea earlier this month, and **Poplau** dropped his PR from 1:57.74 at the same meet.

Cherokee now has six runners under 2:00 this year, including three juniors and two sophomores. **Ditmar** and **Jacobs** are the top two juniors in South Jersey, and **Bromley** is 6th. **Poplau** and **Kuenkel** are No. 1 and 4 among sophomores. Overall, Cherokee has five of the top 18 underclassmen in South Jersey so far this spring.

1:55.01 ... \*Patrick Ditmars 1:55.93 ... \*Conor Jacob 1:57.10 ... \*\*Robert Poplau 1:58.72 ... \*\*Nick Kuenkel 1:59.23 ... \*Thomas Bromley

1:59.86 ... Lucas Hatch

Jacob was in ninth place after a 58.04 first lap but closed in 57.89 to pass the entire field and edge Brown across the line by a step.