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Hinsdale South's Charlie Nodus and Roman Drabchuk Medal at IHSA State Track Final



Charlie Nodus and Roman Drabchuk pose in front of the Hinsdale South marquee

Hinsdale, Ill. – June 5, 2015 – Hinsdale Township High School District 86 today congratulated Hinsdale South High School students Charlie Nodus and Roman Drabchuk for their performances at the IHSA State Track and Field Finals. Charlie finished in ninth place posting a time of 9:23.16 in the 3,200-meter run. Roman finished in sixth place in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 4:15.26.

“The most significant thing about the season for Charlie and Roman was their staggering improvement,” said Assistant Track and Field Coach Jim Dickerson. “In the distances they competed in at state, Charlie improved from a best of 9:54 last year to 9:17 this year. He was sectional champion and placed 9th with a time of 9:23 at the state finals. The temperature during his race was around 77 degrees, and it was sunny with and nearly 100 percent humidity. In those conditions, only two people in his entire race ran their seasonal bests, so the time he achieved was a feat in itself. He was outside the top nine the entire race and only in the last lap was able to earn his spot.”

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Coach Dickerson continued, “As for Roman, his best time in the 1600 last year was 4:40. Going into sectionals, his best time was 4:23. He ran 4:20 to qualify at sectionals, then lowered his time in the preliminaries to 4:16, a new school record, and then placed sixth with another school record of 4:15.26 in the final. The previous record of 4:18.9 was set in 1985 by NCAA All-American and sub-four-minute miler Eddie Slowikowski.”

Jim Dickerson is also the head coach for the Hornet Boys Cross Country Team.

“The greatest thing about both Roman and Charlie is that they are tremendous students and humble, nice young men,” remarked Coach Dickerson proudly. “They are beloved by their teachers and peers, and have worked hard to accomplish what they have this year in cross country and track. They are both eagerly looking forward to leading our cross country team to a great season this fall.”

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