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## After 'section of death,' Wayzata boys aim higher

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Dispersion, Wayzata boys' cross-country coach Hill Miles said, pushed his runners into Saturday's state championship meet.

The defending champion Trojans prevailed in Class 2A, Section 6, which Miles said "gave them a section of death." Wayzata ranked No. 1 in the coaches poll, outran No. 2 Hopkins, No. 3 Edina and No. 5 Minneapolis-Walshburn.

"We had to bring our A-games to that meet," Miles said. "We're approaching state the same way."

When Wayzata's runners take off at 1 p.m. to cover the 5,000-meter course at St. Olaf College in Northfield, they

**IF YOU GO**  
What: Class 1A and 2A cross-country championship  
Where: Saturday  
When: 9 a.m. at St. Olaf College in Northfield  
Schedule: The Class 1A boys' race starts at 10 a.m., followed by the girls' race at 11 a.m. The Class 2A boys' race starts at 1 p.m., followed by the girls' race at 2 p.m.  
More: Admission is free. Shuttle service to and from campus is available. Go to [www.mnhs.org](http://www.mnhs.org) for more information.



Connor Olson, runner up in Class 2A a year ago, leads the top-ranked Wayzata runners at state, each lost three previous meets against Wayzata this season.

**CROSS-COUNTRY RESULTS**  
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Kris or Stillwater could get these across the finish line. Here's a scary thought: Miles said "three or four of our seven guys did not run their best." But he remains concerned about bringing it all together at the state meet.

"We don't talk about defending titles, we talk about being as good as we can be," Miles said.

Wayzata senior Connor Olson, state runner-up a year ago, is among the favorites to win the individual crown. He finished second in the coaches poll behind Hopkins senior Joe Klocker and now sits ahead of Chaska senior Joey Durst. Wayzata junior Jarek Carpenter and Stillwater senior Blake

Hesse-Wilbroke complete the top five.

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Wayzata's top three runners — senior Anna Finck, sophomore Anika Lerdahl and junior Michaela Keller-Miller — all went sub-15 minutes at the section race last week.

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Roomer defensive back John Etkin (20) nearly intercepted a pass intended for Wayzata's Ryan Keip.

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**TOTINO GRACE 29, STILLWATER 13**  
Totino Grace ran for 136 yards on 21 carries and two touchdowns to lift Totino-Grace to Class 6A section crossover game victory on Friday. The Eagles' ball-control offense spent almost 35 minutes on the field, accumulating 337 rushing yards. After Stillwater scored on a nine-play, 68-yard drive to open the game, Totino-Grace limited the Red Raiders' offense to only 103 total yards for the rest of the game.

**Key of the game:** Leading by eight points at halftime, Totino-Grace opened the second half with a 6-minute, 54-second drive, capping by a 16-yard touchdown run by quarterback Lance Bence.

**Quote:** "We had an angle watching over us, and we played our ball off for us. We had a great time."  
— Finnan, on his team playing for team manager Steve Wilson, who died Sept. 26.

**One thing to know:** In the game running back Zach Knies needed only 24 yards to become Stillwater's career leading rusher. The senior gained 89 yards and ended his career with 1,104.

**EAST RIDGE 20, OSSEO 17**  
A 38-yard field goal from sophomore Grant Ryce with 5 minutes, 38 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter broke a 17-17 tie and gave East Ridge the lead. Osseo, which had rallied from a 14-point deficit to the score late in the third quarter, drove down the field but missed a 29-yard field goal try with about a minute left.

**Key of the game:** The Raptors (9-1) were close to grabbing the lead earlier in the fourth quarter. With the score tied, they faked a field-goal attempt on the 20-yard line. Defensive Linebacker Paul the 20-yard line, enough for a first down, but he fumbled and Osseo's Demario Armstrong recovered.

**Quote:** "In the cold ball game, so I had to watch it go through. I was watching it all the way. I was just praying that it would go through."  
— Ryce on his game-winning field goal.

**One thing to know:** The Raptors stopped the Orioles (6-4) three times on downs early in the first half. Judging East Ridge held its early lead, The Orioles' Armstrong also had two interceptions.

**BLOOMINGTON JEFFERSON 58, MINNEAPOLIS SOUTHWEST 12**  
Flinn Stadium Stadium was treated to an offensive line clinic. Bloomington Jefferson running back Colton Ayles scored four touchdowns and rushed for nearly 200 yards in the first half as the Jaguars dominated the visiting Lakes The defense was equally impressive, allowing only two drives in the first half to cross midfield. The Jaguars defense outscored the Southwest offense 60-0 in the first half. Male Bruner had two interceptions, returning one for a touchdown.

**Key of the game:** The Jaguars dominated both sides of the line of scrimmage. Ayles was outstanding, but had a number of runs where he wasn't touched until he had 10 yards down the field.

**Quote:** "The line just did work. They handled business. They made their blocks and it was easy running behind them. It was fun, it was a fun game."  
— Ayles

**One thing to know:** Coming into tonight's game, Jefferson, having 7-3, had more more games played than the post four seasons combined. This is the team's first trip to state in 20 years.

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