

David Racey (Naperville North High School)

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David Racey coached boys' cross country and boys track and field at Naperville North from 1994 until retiring at the end of the 2025 season. He was head boys' cross country coach for 25 years. His team won the IHSA State Cross Country Championship in 2008 and placed third at Nike nationals that same year. The team was third at State in 2004 between cross country and track and field, David coached athletes to 37 All-State performances. Three times he coached an athlete to the individual state championship. In the late 1990s, with Tom Razo, he developed and organized the R&R Distance Summit for several years. He possessed a knowledge far beyond many with respect to how best develop high school athletes into adult athletes. "Dave's approach to season planning and training was a template at helping athletes create a roadmap to achieve their goals and strive for improvement from the start of the season till the end.

