

Girls' Athlete of the Week

Melissa Razo

Cherokee track

What she has done

The senior set a school record in the 3,200 meters in Wednesday's 68-54 loss to Shawnee in a dual meet. Razo won in 11 minutes, 47.1 seconds, breaking the school record of 11:47.8 set by Monica Olkowski. On Friday, she helped Cherokee's distance-medley team finish second in the Division A race at the Woodbury Relays. The next day, Razo was part of Cherokee's winning 4x800 relay team that won the Division A title in 9:36.4. That also set a school record, breaking the mark of 9:41.6 established in 1997. She ran the second leg of the relay in 2:24.3. Later, Razo was voted the most courageous athlete at the Woodbury Relays. She competes despite suffering from Achilles tendinitis, which keeps her from practicing much.



Best high school moment

"Just qualifying this fall for the Meet of Champions in cross-country. It was a strong field, and I wasn't sure I'd be able to do it."

Favorite athlete

"My teammate, Michelle Bilicki."

Favorite movie

Ghost

"In the next few years ..."

"I'd like to go to college, continue running, and be successful in school."

"Ten years from now ..."

"I hope to be a preschool teacher and still running for fun."

What her coach says

"She's just a great person who has shown so much courage by competing. She has done so much for the team." — *Ray Bodine*