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Kiel won't be sending their entire team to Saturday's WIAA State Cross Country Championships, but the Raiders will still have a presence in Wisconsin Rapids.

Andrew Maile and Alexis Genke, no strangers to state cross country, are returning their after qualifying individually last Saturday at the rain-soaked Two Rivers Division 2 sectional.

The boys ran first at TR and a light rain turned into a downpour at the midway point, but it failed to deter Maile who came in fourth overall at 17:05 and was the first of five individual qualifiers from the meet.

Kiel placed sixth as a team scoring 135 points. Little Chute (51) and Valders (68) were the team state qualifiers.

David Helf placed 19<sup>th</sup> for the Raiders at 17:51 with Isaiah Grybush (34<sup>th</sup>, 18:23), Ben Behnke (39<sup>th</sup>, 18:32) and Dustin Esswein (43<sup>rd</sup>, 18:35) being the other four scoring runners. Also competing were Anthony Meyer (19:03) and CJ Brennan (19:13).

Maile will be looking to improve on his 2009 state tournament performance where he came in 124<sup>th</sup> at 18:31 as the Kiel boys team placed 11<sup>th</sup> at Wisconsin Rapids. He will race at 11:40 a.m. Saturday.

**Genke back at state**

Genke makes her third trip to state. She placed fifth on Saturday at Two Rivers with a time of 15:58 to get her state bid but the Raider team fell short of qualifying taking fifth with 120 points. Chilton (64) and Luxemburg-Casco (89) are the team qualifiers for state. Chilton's Kristen Linzmeier was the individual sectional champion at 15:07.

Also scoring for Kiel were Rosemary Mueller (17<sup>th</sup>, 16:24), Abby Gilsdorf (21<sup>st</sup>, 16:32), Samantha Platz (35<sup>th</sup>, 16:52) and Kristin Mathes (50<sup>th</sup>, 17:31). Rebecca Horneck (17:50) and Melanie Westphalen (18:10) were the other Raider competitors.

Genke takes to the course at Wisconsin Rapids on Saturday at 1:40 p.m. looking to improve on last season's 36<sup>th</sup> place finish at 16:00.