**1999 UW-Stout Men’s Cross Country Fast Facts**

LOCATION: Menomonie, WI  54751  
FOUNDED: 1891  
ENROLLMENT: 7200  
NICKNAME: Blue Devils  
SCHOOL COLORS: Blue and White  
HOME COURSE: Menomonie High School  
AFFILIATION: NCAA Division III  
CONFERENCE: Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC)  
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CONFERENCE FINISH: 6th at WIAC, 8th at NCAA regional  
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KEY RETURNING RUNNERS:  
Eric Hanson, Sr, Winona, Minn., placed 20th at conference meet  
Josh Johnson, Jr, Oregon, placed 21st at conference meet, 38th at regionals  
Clint Latz, So, Lublin, placed 30th at conference meet, 31st at regionals  
Tim Hamill, Sr, Brookfield, red-shirted last season, placed 59 in 1997 conference meet

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**1999 UW-Stout Men’s Cross Country Schedule**

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<td>at UW-River Falls Invite</td>
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<td>Blue Devil Invite</td>
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**Blue Devil Seniors**

Eric Hanson  
Tim Hamill  
Chris Stevens

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Team effort to keep cross country Blue Devils on a steady course of improvement

Reflecting on the 1998 season, UW-Stout cross country coach Chris Hall saw a team effort, perhaps the best team effort he has has seen in his years at the helm of the Blue Devils.

And the 1999 edition should be more of the same as the Blue Devils lose only one member of their top six runners after a sixth place finish at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) meet.

“We scored better at the conference meet since I first arrived in 1992,” Hall, who begins his eighth year, said. “We had a great meet and were (still) in the bottom half of the conference. Of the five teams that beat us at conference, four went on to the nationals.”

“All four of them can be interchangeable,” Hall said. “I want to see how they come to the team concept. I think everyone understood they were not going to accomplish a lot on their own.”

Latz, who paced the Blue Devils at the regional meet, took a disappointing high school finish and used that to drive himself, Hall said. “He decided to never let that happen again,” Hall added. “He just loves the sport and loves to run.”

Hamill wanted to get a year better, Hall said. “Tim increased his mileage during cross country, and by red-shirting, he could sit back and train. He could get physically stronger.”

Hamill finished fifth in the outdoor national steeplechase to top off his track career and also qualified to the indoor nationals in the 5000-meter. Having tasted the national caliber competition could spur Hamill on in the cross country season.

With a strong four on top, Hall is looking for someone to step up into the No. 5 spot.

“Number five needs to be within 45 seconds of our No. 1 runner,” Hall said. “I hope a number of people can fill that role. We have to have someone who decides ‘I can close that gap.’”

Chris Stevens (Sr, New Richmond), Bryan Ott (Jr, Monroe), Josh Webb (Jr, Chippewa Falls), and Jamie Block (Jr, West Bend) should fill in from No. 5-12.

Stevens, one of only three seniors, could fill in anywhere from No. 5-12, Hall said. A steeplechase runner in track, Hall said Stevens has learned to enjoy cross country more and is going out to work hard.

Ott was running well at the end of the season, Hall said, and will need to stretch his abilities to keep at that pace.

Webb is a good college runner who needs to become more consistent during his races, Hall said. Block is a true distance runner who has lettered twice. Ethan Webinger (Jr, La Crescent, Minn) was the Blue Devils most improved runner last fall and is being looked up as an example by many of the other runners, Hall said.

“Josh has a desire to be good, to be great,” Hall said about Johnson, a team captain and a first team all-conference baseball player last spring for the Blue Devils. “He will never quit.”

“Josh ran his career best (25-minutes, 32-seconds) in finishing 21st at the conference meet.”

“Ethan Webinger improved from the No. 13 runner to finish No. 4. Hall was looking to Webinger to challenge for the No. 5 spot, but injuries have forced Webinger to redshirt this school year.”

Rounding out the returners are Alex Anderson (So, Faribault, Minn), Jason Donovan (Jr, Beloit), Chris Emerson (So, West St. Paul, Minn), Aaron Hess (So, Bloomer), Seth Kaste (Jr, Cadott), Tim King (So, Waukesha), Jason Kirch (So, Sauk City), and Corey White (So, Roberts).

Hall will be bringing in a small recruiting class of only three freshmen, but all three were state qualifiers.

“I would just hope they can push some of the others to run harder,” Hall said. “Their job will be to add depth and hope they can make our top 12 better.”

Hall sees UW-La Crosse, UW-Stevens Point and UW-Whitewater as the teams to beat, but don’t count out UW-Eau Claire and UW-Oshkosh. Where the Blue Devils fit into the picture remains to be seen.

“To determine who goes to the nationals,” Hall said, “its starts with our conference.”

“I want to see how they come together as a team before we discuss our goals. Last year, the athletes committed to the team concept. I think everyone understood they were not going to accomplish a lot on their own.”

Hall is counting on the same attitude this year.

Coach Chris Hall

Chris Hall begins his eighth year as the Blue Devil cross country head coach and his sixth as the track and field head coach.

A former All-American distance runner at UW-LaCrosse, Hall has built an impressive resume as an assistant coach and now as a head coach. As a coach, Hall has helped produce 25 All-Americans, including six-time national track and field champion Terry Anders.

Hall, 34, was an assistant track coach with the distance runners for two years at the same time he was the head coach of both the men’s and women’s cross country teams. Hall believes his cross country team can improve on their 1998 sixth place finish. The Blue Devils put together what Hall thought was perhaps the team’s best team effort during his tenure. The Blue Devils lose only one of their top six runners.

A native of Albert Lea, Minn. Hall came to Stout in 1992 after assisting at UW-LaCrosse and the University of St. Thomas. Hall resides in Menomonie with his wife, Fatemeh.