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1999-2000 SEASON SUMMARY

The 1999 Wheaton College men's and women's cross country teams each went into their seasons with much anticipation and high energy, as both were coming off successful seasons with rankings in the New England Region. For first year head coach Paul Carr, a talented core of outstanding underclassmen for the men and experience and depth for the women from a team with top place finishes were all reasons for a sense of optimism.

Both Lyon squads only graduated two seniors apiece, but the catch was in the fact that each team lost one of its top runners, therefore leaving some voids that needed filled in some of the harriers lineups. Both teams seemed to finish in the middle of the pack this season, as indicated in the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) Championships, as the men finished in sixth place while the women settled for seventh.

The men's cross country squad still managed to post an 8th place finish in the James Earley Invitational held at Westfield State, before ending their regular season with a 25th spot at the NCAA Division III Regional Championships held in North Dartmouth, MA.

Top runner for the Wheaton men was sophomore Noah Hill (Templeton, MA/Narragansett Regional H.S.), finishing the 8000 meter run 19th overall in a 15-team meet at Westfield State at a pace of 27:20, 22nd at the NEWMAC Championships at 26:50 and 36th in an 18-squad meet at Tufts University with a time of 27:54. Hill, who currently holds the school record for the 5000 meter run (16:36.01), was joined by senior James Ricci (Haydenville, MA/Loomis Chaffee H.S.), junior Barry Lyon (White Plains, NY/White Plains H.S.), who finished second on the team and 27th overall at the conference championships, and freshman Chris Scotti (Walpole, MA), all of whom had strong runs in the regional championships.

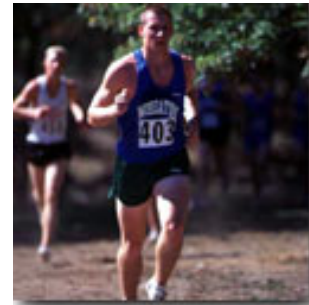
Rounding out the men's roster were juniors Matt Callahan (Weymouth, MA/Weymouth H.S.), Tim Chamberlin (Portland, OR/The Catlin Gable School) and John Drewniak (Hanson, MA/Whitman Hanson Regional H.S.), sophomore Ashley Fay (Exeter, NH/Exeter H.S.) and freshman Ted Socha (Manchester, CT/East Catholic H.S.).

For the women's season, the Lyons team mainly found themselves in the hunt, as the one top ten finish they had was at the James Earley Invitational, where they placed eighth out of 23 teams. The squad also placed 12th of 17 schools in the Codfish Bowl and 15th of 23 teams at the Babson Invitational, before finishing 21st out of 37 teams at the New England Regionals.

Juniors Alicia Roth (Sparta, NJ/Hillsborough H.S.) and Kendra Bullock (Berkley, MA/BMC Durfee H.S.) were among the leaders for Wheaton at regionals, finishing in the top quarter of the pack at 72nd and 78th, respectively with their best times of the year in the 5000 meter run at 19:30.00 and 19:37.00. Bullock also had a top 20 finish at the NEWMAC Championships, where she paced the Lyon runners at 14th place overall. Roth ran solid in three additional performances, as she was the 10th runner to finish at the James Earley Invitational, 18th at the conference championships and 38th at the Codfish Bowl.

In addition to Roth and Bullock, the Wheaton women possessed some of its top runners in junior twin sister Nicole Bullock (Berkley, MA/BMC Durfee H.S.), junior Jennifer Hutchinson (Jobstown, NJ/The Lawrenceville School), sophomores Gretchen McNerney (Harvard, MA), who finished third on the team at the NEWMAC's and 22nd overall, and Celia Leopold (Bristol, VT/Mt. Abraham H.S.), who had strong showings at the Babson and James Earley Invitationals, running in the top 60 for both, and freshmen Kristin Walton (Bar Harbor, ME/Mt. Desert Island H.S.), top runner for the Lyons coming in 27th place in the Codfish Bowl and Krista Connelly (Weymouth, MA).

Rounding out the women's squad were seniors Katherine Marks (Boxford, MA/Masconismet



Regional H.S.) and Sara Sjursen (Old Lyme, CT/Old Lyme H.S.).

Both the men's and the women's cross country program's are on the rise and are showing promising signs of improvements, as the men will continue growing with their strong nucleus of runners, returning nine of their 10 harriers back for another year, while the women's team will return a solid, deep and talented pool of runners with 15 of their 17 athletes coming back for the 2000-01 campaign.

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Date	Opponent	H/A	Time	Result	Record
Sept. 4	Wheaton Relays	H	9:30 am	No Team Score	
Sept. 11	Tufts Invitational	A	TBA	Did Not Race	
Sept. 25	Codfish Bowl	A	TBA	15th Place	18 Teams
Oct. 2	Babson Invitational	A	10:30 am	15th Place	28 Teams
Oct. 15	Westfield St. Invitational	A	TBA	8th Place	23 Teams
Oct. 30	NEWMAC Championship	A	TBA	6th	7 Teams
Nov. 6	ECAC Division III Championship	A	TBA	Did Not Compete	
Nov. 13	New England Division III Championship	A	TBA	25th	31 Teams
Nov. 20	NCAA Division III Championship	A	TBA	Did Not Compete	

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