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Date	Day	Opponent	H/A	Time	Result	Record
2-Sept	Sat	Wheaton Relays	H	9:00am	11th Place	26 Teams
9-Sept	Sat	Tufts Invitational	A	11:00am	3rd Place (103 points)	6 Teams
23-Sept	Sat	New York University Invitational	A	11:00am	17th Place (450 points)	36 Teams
14-Oct	Sat	Westfield State Invitational	A		1st Place (86 points)	15 Teams
28-Oct	Sat	NEWMAC Championship - Franklin Park	A	3:00pm	5th Place (101 points)	7 Teams
11-Nov	Sat	New England Division III Championship - UMass-Dartmouth	A		14th Place (348 points)	35 Teams

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2000-01 ROSTER

Name	Year	Home Town	High School
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Peter Cahalane	04	N. Andover, MA	
Matt Callahan*	01	Weymouth, MA	
Tim Chamberlin	01	Portland, OR	
Brian Donoghue	04	Holyoke, MA	
John Drewniak*	01	Hanson, MA	
Noah Hill	02	Templeton, MA	
Paul Machado	04	New Bedford, MA	
Terry Panetta	04	Hicksville, NY	
Stan Pyle	04	S. Portland, ME	
Chris Scotti	03	Walpole, MA	

Head Coach: Paul Carr (2nd Year)

Assistant Coaches: Michelle Doody (2nd Year), Tom Ryan (2nd Year)

Athletic Trainers: Greg Steele L.A.T.C., Jennifer McMorran L.A.T.C., Christy Parkhurst L.A.T.C.

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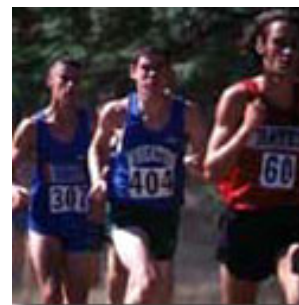
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2. Assumption A 32:00
3. Assumption B 32:36
4. Brandeis A 33:02
5. Southern Maine B 33:10
6. Stonehill A 33:29
7. Babson A 33:32
8. Brandeis B 33:34
9. UMass-Dartmouth A 34:01
10. Babson B 34:24
11. Wheaton B 34:28
12. Stonehill B 35:04
13. Wheaton C 35:15
14. Wheaton D 35:24
15. Assumption C 35:54
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19. UMass-Dartmouth C 37:11
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22. Brandeis D 37:39
23. Babson D 37:41
24. Assumption D 39:53
25. Assumption E 40:19
26. Assumption F 47:47

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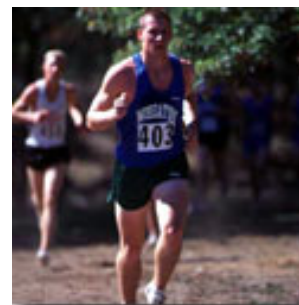
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The result was simply a talented and determined group consisting of seven first-year men and six freshmen women. "There is a lot of raw ability in this class," comments Carr. "The true question of how successful they are going to be will depend on how quickly they can learn and adapt to the college ranks."



"We can't stress how important it is to get our athletes to believe that cross country is the ultimate team sport," adds Carr, who'll be working with assistants Michelle Doody and Tom Ryan. "We need to have seven runners firing on all cylinders at all times if we're going to succeed."

Relating to that success, the Lyons will look to better their conference finishes from last year's New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) Championships. In 1999, the men placed sixth at the meet while the women took seventh.

"Our goal is to win the conference championships," adds Carr. "If we're going to accomplish that, we need to be solid across the board. There won't be any standout runners on our teams, but what we'll need to do is successfully run in a pack as a team."

Although the number of athletes on both the men's and women's teams are lower than Carr would like, there is still a returning core of athletes—coupled with the incoming freshmen—to build on the depth of the programs.

Top returning runner for the men is junior Noah Hill (Templeton, MA/Narragansett Regional H.S.). Hill finished the 8,000-meter run 19th overall in a 15-team meet at Westfield State at a time of 27:20 and 22nd at the conference championship at 26:50.

In addition to Hill are senior co-captains Matt Callahan (Weymouth, MA/Weymouth H.S.) and John Drewniak (Hanson, MA/Whitman Hanson Regional H.S.), senior Tim Chamberlin (Portland, OR/The Catlin Gable School) and sophomore Chris Scotti (Walpole, MA).

Rounding out the men's roster is seven incoming freshmen, all of whom should play a crucial role in the team's improvements. Included in that group are Brannin Buehner (Lubec, ME), Peter Cahalane (N. Andover, MA), Brian Donoghue (Holyoke, MA), Daniel Fokine (Shelter Island Heights, NY), Paul Machado (New Bedford, MA), Terry Panetta (Hicksville, NY) and Stan Pyle (S. Portland, ME).

For the women harriers, their 14-member squad consists of four seniors, two juniors, two sophomores and six freshmen. Seniors Alicia Roth (Sparta, NJ/Hillsborough H.S.) and Kendra Bullock (Berkley, MA/BMC Durfee H.S.) were among the leaders for Wheaton last year, finishing in the top quarter of the pack at the regional championship in the 5,000-meter run at 19:30.00 and 19:37.00, respectively. Bullock also had a top 20 finish at the conference championship, where she paced the Lyon runners at 14th place overall. Roth, who will captain the Wheaton women, was 10th overall at the James Earley Invitational and 18th at the NEWMAC Championship.

Other top returnees for the Wheaton women are senior Nicole Bullock (Berkley, MA/BMC Durfee H.S.), senior captain Jennifer Hutchinson (Jobstown, NJ/The Lawrenceville School), juniors Gretchen McNerney (Harvard, MA), who finished 22nd overall at the conference meet, and Danielle Huston (Plymouth, MA), and sophomores Kristin Walton (Bar Harbor, ME/Mt. Desert Island H.S.), who placed 27th at the Codfish Bowl and Krista Connelly (Weymouth, MA).

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