

Dan Schwamberger Named Blugold Cross Country Coach

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Dan Schwamberger has been named the UW-Eau Claire men's and women's head cross country country coach and assistant men's and women's track coach, Director of Athletics Scott Kilgallon has announced.

Schwamberger, who recently finished 29th in the Grandma's Marathon in Duluth, has strong ties to the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. He has been the assistant cross country and track coach at UW-Platteville since 2004 and was a conference and national 5,000-meter champion at UW-Stevens Point in 2000.

At UW-Eau Claire, Schwamberger replaces Brian Falk, who was the interim men's and women's cross country coach and assistant track coach this past year. Falk replaced Tracy Yengo as the women's head coach and Chip Schneider as the men's coach. Yengo resigned late last summer to move into teaching fulltime. Schneider was reassigned as the head men's and women's track and field coach and director of cross country operations. He will continue with those assignments and work with Schwamberger in both sports with both the men's and women's programs.

Schwamberger, a native of North Mankato, Minnesota, earned his bachelor's degree in forest management from UW-Stevens Point in 2001. He pursued a master's degree in physical education with an athletic administration emphasis from Loras College, graduating in 2004.

During his four seasons (1996-2000) on the track and cross country teams at Point, Schwamberger was a two-time cross country All-American and five-time track All-American. He was the 1999 WIAC Scholar-Athlete in cross country and a 2000 GTE first team Academic All-American in track. Schwamberger won the conference indoor and outdoor 5,000-meter championships in 2000 and also captured the national championship in that event at the 2000 NCAA Division III indoor track championships.

In the three years, Schwamberger was an assistant at Platteville, Pioneer runners won three individual conference cross country titles, three NCAA III Midwest Regional cross country races and eight NCAA III mid-distance or distance events. Platteville finished in the top six in the indoor or outdoor NCAA III track and field championships four times in three seasons.

The 29-year-old Schwamberger is USATF Level II certified in middle distance/distance events. He still runs numerous races and won the Cellcom half marathon in Green Bay last month.

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