



## Anders leads Blue Devils to best-ever track finish

**Men's Track** The seasons can't get much better than this for UW-Stout men's track, or can they?

**Terry Anders** (*Jr, Cornell*) successfully defended his 400-meter outdoor title and added two additional titles to his collection at the NCAA Division III Track and Field Championships this season as the Blue Devils placed fifth with 50 points, Stout's best finish ever, and the highest of any WSUC school this season.

Anders won the 200-meters with a time of 21.38, almost a half second in front of his nearest competitor. Anders clocked a school record 46.81 in the 400. An hour later, he completed the hat trick by winning the 100 in school record time, 10.53, and won Athlete of Meet honors from the United States Track Coaches' Association (USTCA).

Anders is now one of only two Division III athletes to have won three individual titles at the national meet in a single year and is one of nine Division III performers to have won four individual titles in his career. One performer has won six and two have won five. Anders is only a junior and with a repeat three-peat next year, could tally seven individual titles. By winning the 400-meters, Anders sets himself up to join a group of 12 to win a three-peat in an individual event. Anders also has two indoor 400 titles.

The 4 X 400-relay team of Anders, **Jesse Witcraft** (*Jr, New Lisbon*), **Mike Hallingstad** (*Jr, Sparta*), and **Chris Valois** (*Jr, Anoka, Minn.*) placed fifth [3:15.64] despite dropping the baton. The 4 X 100-relay team of Anders, Witcraft, Hallingstad and **Joe Versteegen** (*Fr, Little Chute*) placed sixth [41.70]

**Jason Lehman** (*So, Bruce*) was fourth in the discus [162-9] and seventh in the shot put [51' 5.50"]. **Aaron Fruit** (*Jr, Hartland*) was third in pole vault [16' 0.75"]. **Paul Gilles** (*So, Plum City*) was ninth in 3000-meter steeplechase [9:19.40]. Gilles set a school record in the preliminaries [9:15.19] as did Lehman in the discus [171' 8"].

The Blue Devils placed third at the WSUC meet held at Whitewater. Anders completely dominated the running events where he was first individually in the 100 [10.56], 200 [21.72], 400 [47.93] and triple jump [46' 9"]. Anders has only competed in the triple jump once during his college career, and as a member of the 4 X 100-relay [42.09] and the 4 X 400-relay [3:18.33]. He was named track performer of the meet, and coach **Chris Hall** was named the WSUC Coach of the Year.

Lehman snagged a first at conference in the discus [170' 6"] and a third in the shot put [48' 10.25"]. Gilles finished second at conference, and Witcraft turned in a runner-up in the 200 and a fourth in the 100. Hallingstad was second in the 400 and third in the 200 as the Blue Devils swept the event.

Records were made to be broken and 1996 was the year they were broken.

Anders shattered the 100 [10.53], the 200 [21.27] and the 400 [46.81] records, Lehman set a new mark in the discus [171' 8"] at the national preliminaries, as did Gilles in the steeplechase [9:15.19]. Fruit went into



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the national meet with the top pole vault height [170.25"] in the country. Not to be outdone, the 4 X 100-relay [41.45] and the 4 X 400-relay [3:13.29] set new marks. In all, 14 new school marks were reached throughout the season.

**Women's Track** On the women's side, the Blue Devils won a dual for the first time in well over six years when they took their own UW-Stout Invitational April 27.

Freshman **Katy Olsen** (*Rice Lake*) turned in some of the top times all season, capping a successful freshman cross country debut with an eighth place finish in the 3000 [10:32.86] at the conference meet. **Kate Roedel** (*So, Beaver Dam*) was sixth in the 400 [1:00.01], and came up short in her bid for a national berth.

**Lisa Lindwall** (*Sr, Madison*) was sixth in the 10,000 [39:36.55] and **Michelle Foik** (*Jr, Wisconsin Dells*) placed eighth in the triple jump [34' 8.25"].

**Softball** It was an All-American and All-Regional year for two Blue Devil softball players as Stout finished with their third consecutive 20-win season, topping out at 20-19.

Offensively, defensively and on the basepaths, the Blue Devils were led by third-team All-American **Suzanne Brion** (*Jr, Chetek*).

Brion, the conference player of the year, hit at a .500 clip to lead the team, drove in 22 runs from the lead off spot and stole a school record 46 bases in 50 attempts. At shortstop, Brion fielded .939, committing only 12 errors in 197 chances.

Brion rewrote the record book, with single season marks for batting average [.500], at-bats [166], runs scored [47], hits [77], home runs [4], slugging percentage [.727] and stolen bases [46]. She finished her career with a batting average of .444 and holds career records in runs scored [131], hits [187], doubles [32], home runs [6] and stolen bases [93 in 100 attempts].

The Blue Devils may have found someone to challenge Brion's hitting numbers, and didn't have to look outside of Menomonie.

**Tanya Petrie**, who attended high school in Woodinville, Wash., and is the daughter of Stout baseball coach Terry Petrie, spent most of her formative years in Menomonie. As a freshman designated player this season, Petrie earned all-region honors by batting .477 and driving in a team high 38 runs. Petrie was named the team's rookie of the year.

Joining Brion and Petrie on the all-WWIAC West Division team were **Carolyn Bare** (*So, Superior*) and **Joy Rengel** (*Sr, St. Cloud, Minn.*).

**Baseball** Looking back at the season, two things immediately jump out from the statistics sheets – bases stolen and losses by two runs or less.

At the beginning of the season, 26th year coach Terry Petrie said his team would need to counter a lack of power hitting by utilizing team speed on the base paths. The Blue Devils not only used speed on the paths, they scorched the bases for a single-season record of 68 thefts.

Unfortunately for the Blue Devils, stolen bases didn't add up to quite enough runs as Stout dropped eight games by two runs and four more by one run. On the other side of the coin, Stout won two games by two runs and two games by a single run. The Blue Devils finished 15-20 overall, 3-9 in the Wisconsin State University Conference, good for third for the second consecutive year in the Northern Division.

Transfers helped to shore up the Devils this season, with **Barry Michlig** (*Jr, Wausau*) and **Ron Yessa** (*Jr, Janesville*) being named co-most valuable players. Both transferred from junior college national champion Madison Area Technical College.

Michlig proved very solid at second base, hitting .350 and fielding at a .957 clip, committing only six errors on 138 chances. Michlig reached on 43 hits and led the team in at-bats with 123.

Yessa posted a 4-3 overall record with an ERA of 4.02 and pitched nine complete games, the most of all Blue Devil pitchers.

**Troy Gustafson** (*So, Grand View*) led the Blue Devils at the plate, hitting .371 in all games, but enjoyed conference pitching, jumping to .449, third in the WSUC. Gustafson was the team leader with Michlig in RBI with 27 and hit four home runs. He scored a team high 34 runs and stole five bases. The left fielder led Stout in slugging percentage with a .552.

Michlig and Gustafson were both named to the all-WSUC Northern Division team.

While **Rick Angell** (*Fr, Rhinelander*) struggled at the plate at times during the season, he was a threat when he reached the paths. Angell set a new single season school record in stolen bases, nabbing 21, with the last theft – the record breaker – coming in his final at-bat of the season.

To keep track of Blue Devil athletics throughout the year, check out our World Wide Web site at:

<http://www.uwstout.edu/athletics/athhome.html>

## Five athletes, one coach inducted into hall of fame

Five solid athletes with a reputation to play hard in their particular sport have been selected to the UW-Stout Athletic Hall of Fame.

Tennis player **Rob Oertel**, football player **Orlando "Pat" Paciotti**, gymnast **Terri Traczyk-Rezac**, track and field athlete **Mark Overgard** and basketball player **Mike Devney** will join coach **Bob Kamish** in entering the Hall in induction ceremonies Nov. 9.

**Rob Oertel** was one of the keys to the Blue Devils' domination of WSUC tennis during the mid-1980s. Oertel captured the WSUC No. 1 singles title in 1985, the No. 3 title in 1984 and the No. 1 doubles championship in 1986. Oertel was named an NCAA Division III All-American in both singles and doubles in 1986.



Oertel

The Blue Devils won the conference championship in each of Oertel's four years, and Oertel was the team captain in 1985 and 1986.

Oertel coached the Blue Devils in 1989 and is entering his seventh year as the men's coach at NCAA Division I Indiana State University in Terre Haute, where he was named the Missouri Valley Conference coach of the year in 1995 after finishing second in conference play.

A standout as an offensive and defensive lineman and place kicker for Stout Institute in the late 1920s, **Orlando Paciotti** was the first Stout player named to the all-conference team, making the first team in 1928.



Paciotti

While the Trainers (*as Stout's teams were then called*) failed to post records above .500 during Paciotti's playing career, "Pash's" consistent solid play in the line stood out.

Known as an unselfish player, Paciotti had an opportunity to pick up a loose ball and run for a touchdown, but elected to tell a teammate to pick up the ball while he cleared a path for the score. During his senior year, Paciotti was called on in the final minutes to calmly boot the winning extra point in a 14-13 win over arch rival Eau Claire.

An honor student while at Stout, Paciotti holds the distinction of being named the first Master Printer of the Stout Typographical Society.

A graphic arts instructor in Beaver Dam, Wis., where he taught for 45

years, Paciotti's printing program was a model for other instructors throughout the state. He coached the junior varsity football team for 23 years, and in a stretch from 1948-55, did not lose a game.

Involved in a vast number of civic activities, Paciotti was a much loved figure in his adopted Beaver Dam when he died in 1977.

**Terri Traczyk** led three teams that finished fourth at the NAIA nationals in consecutive years, and earned NAIA All-American and All-WWIAC selection in vaulting in 1983, her junior year.



Traczyk

Traczyk was named the team's move valuable performer in 1983 and 1984, the same year she was the team's high scorer. Traczyk continued to perform well during her senior year, despite a knee injury. Upon graduation, Traczyk held the school record for the highest all-around score.

Married to former men's gymnast Mark Rezac, Traczyk is employed by KMJZ Radio in Eden Prairie, Minn., and resides in Andover, Minn.

Scan the WSUC track and field championships in the late 1970s and early 1980s and the name **Mark Overgard** will hit you like a shot put striking the ground.



Overgard

Overgard dominated the conference weight scene from 1979-81, winning both indoor and outdoor shot titles all three years – the same years he captained the Blue Devils – and took discus and javelin honors in 1981. He also placed third in the hammer throw.

Overgard also earned NAIA All-American honors by placing fourth in the shot put in 1981. Both his indoor shot put record of 54'6" and outdoor shot put record of 53'10" still stand.

Overgard has been employed by Best Buy since 1984 and is currently the district manager in the Chicago, Ill., area where his district was the top producing district in 1993 and 1994.

**Mike Devney** and hardnosed basketball are interchangeable terms. Currently the sixth-ranked scorer in Stout history with 1,150 points, Devney is described by his coach, Dwain Mintz, as "a tough competitor

who played hard and gutsy. He played so hard it sometimes would get in the way."

Devney, a standout at Eau Claire Regis High School, played one semester at Northern Michigan before transferring to Stout. As a senior in 1981, he was the second leading scorer in the WSUC with 287 points and finished the season with 495 points.



Devney

Devney had the ability to score from inside and outside and was known as a tenacious rebounder.

Devney played two years of pro basketball in Australia and finished his degree at Stout in 1985. He is currently teaching at Denfeld High School in Duluth, Minn., and is the head basketball coach at Carlton (Minn.) High School.

In 1972, **Bob Kamish** led the men's track and field team to their only WSUC championship and also holds the mark for the football coach with the most career wins to his name with 28.



Kamish

Kamish was twice named the NAIA District 14 track coach of the year, in 1972 and again in 1980, and was named the Area IV coach of the year in 1972, when the Blue Devils won the conference title at Nelson Field.

Kamish, who coached at Stout from 1968-86, will join athletes he coached including track athletes Jules Butcher, Dennis Fechem, Barney Klecker and Mark Overgard, and football players Bob Johnson, Joe Bullis, Steve Burr and Tom Paulus in the Hall of Fame.

Kamish's football defensive units ranked in the top 10 in the country and two of his teams played before national television audiences.

Since leaving Stout, Kamish has been an investment adviser with a financial services business in Prescott, Wis., where he lives with wife, Elle, and enjoys their three grandchildren.

For additional information about the Hall of Fame banquet, please contact the UW-Stout athletic department at 715/232-2224.