

On July 19, 2007 Matt Roe was hired as the Head Track and Cross Country coach at Butler University. Roe came to Butler after quickly transforming Long Beach State (2004-2007) and Western Illinois (2001-2004) into successful Division I distance running programs.

In just two years at Butler, Roe, a two-time Horizon League Coach of the Year, has produced 63 All-Horizon League performers, 21 Horizon League Individual and relay titles, 11 Mid East Regional track qualifiers, seven school records on the track, six NCAA individual qualifiers, six All Great Lakes Region cross country runners, six Horizon League meet records, five academic All-Americans, five Horizon League Athletes of the Year, three Horizon League team titles, three All-Americans, and one NCAA team appearance.

In less than three years at Long Beach State, Roe produced 51 all-time top 10 marks, 14 All Big West selections, 12 school records, four NCAA national qualifying marks, a Big West conference champion, one All-American, and one Academic All American. Roe's men's and women's conference and regional cross country team improvements from 2004 to 2005 were tops among Division I schools in the nation. In 2007 Roe guided Jim Grabow to the first male distance All American honor in school history. A 14:50 junior college transfer in 2004, Grabow ran 13:44.04 for 5000 meters, ranking as the sixth fastest American indoors in 2007.

At Western Illinois, with virtually no resources, Roe quickly led the Leathernecks from the bottom to near the top of the Mid Continent Conference. In three years the men and women dramatically improved their conference finishes. During that time Roe produced 24 Mid Continent athletes, nine conference runner-up finishers, three conference champions, and two school records.

Roe began his coaching career as an assistant at the University of Montana from 1999-2001. At Montana, Roe helped guide the Grizzlies to 11 individual Big Sky titles, eight NCAA appearances, and two All-American honors.

A standout at Division I distance power University of Portland, Roe was a three-time All-West Coast Conference harrier. A three-time WCC scholar athlete, Roe earned degrees in English (1997) and History (1998) from Portland. A USATF Level II coach, Roe earned his M.S. in Physical Education (Sport Psychology) from Western Illinois in 2003.