

# 2018 MIAC Men's Indoor Track & Field Championship Preview

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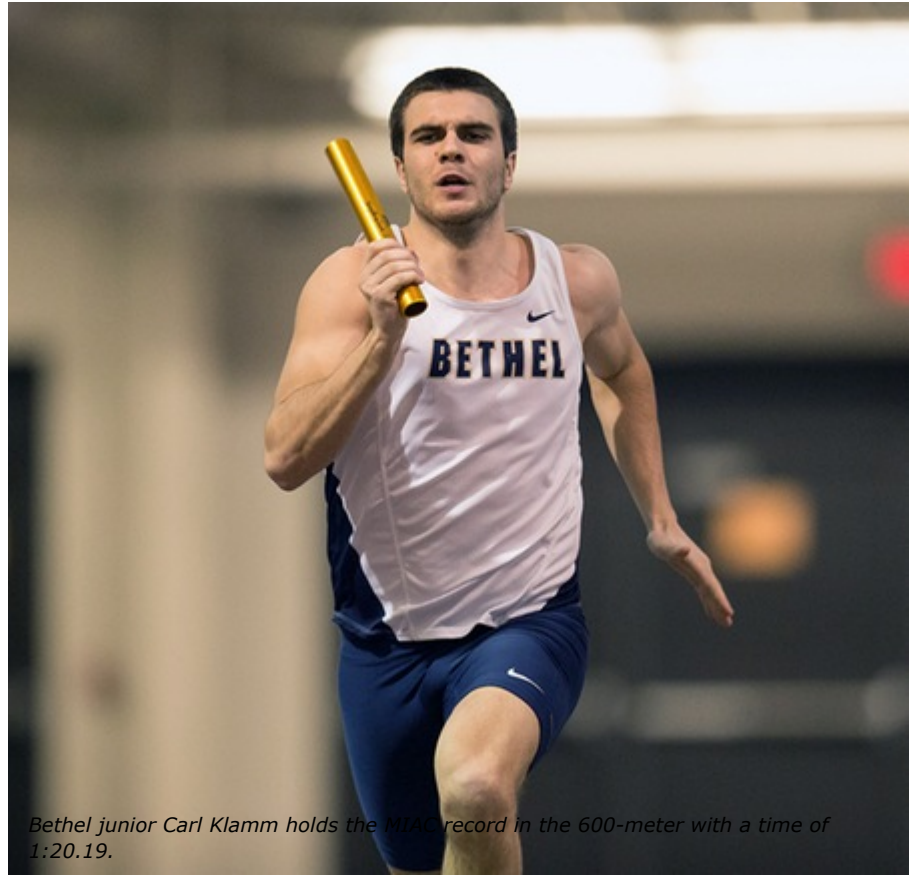
**BLOOMINGTON, Minn.** – The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) is set to open its 2018 Indoor Track and Field Championships on Thursday.

Eleven men's teams from around the MIAC will compete in the three-day meet held Thursday- Saturday at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn. In the 33-year history of the MIAC Men's Indoor Championships, only the University of St. Thomas has hoisted the championship plaque. The Tommies will try to keep that streak alive this weekend, while the rest of the league aims to end UST's run at the top.

The 2018 regular season has already seen numerous standout performances and records broken. This year's Championships promise more of the same, with Conference titles, national rankings and All-MIAC honors on the line.

The MIAC Indoor Track and Field Championships begin Thursday with the multi-event competitions. The women's pentathlon starts at 2 p.m. with the men's heptathlon beginning 20 minutes later. The heptathlon finishes up Friday morning at 10 a.m., with Friday's field events set to start at 3:30 p.m. and track to follow at 4:30 p.m. Saturday's final session starts with 10:15 a.m. field events and 1 p.m. track events.

Saturday's final event begins at 4:05 p.m., and there will be a short awards ceremony following the conclusion of the meet to honor both team champions. The top three individuals in each event and the first-place relay team will automatically earn All-Conference honors, and the 4th-through-6th place finishers in each open event and 2nd-through-6th place relay teams will all be named All-Conference Honorable Mention.



*Bethel junior Carl Klamm holds the MIAC record in the 600-meter with a time of 1:20.19.*

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## FOLLOW THE ACTION

The MIAC has a [homepage](#) dedicated to the 2018 Indoor Championships, complete with venue and admission information, [the event schedule](#), entries, heat sheets and links to follow the action via [webcast](#) and [real-time results](#). Results, recaps, and multimedia coverage of the Championships will be available throughout the event.

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## KEEP AN EYE ON

### **Donson Cook-Gallardo | Sr. | Carleton**

The 2017 MIAC Men's Cross Country Athlete of the Year has an opportunity to solidify his spot in Conference history with the potential for a career sweep of the 1,000-meter run. Cook-Gallardo won his third straight 1,000-meter at the 2017 MIAC Indoor Championships last year with a record-breaking time of 2:26.02.

### **Eric Dols | Jr. | Hamline**

Ranked ninth in the nation in the shot put this season, Dols recorded the top throw by any MIAC student-athlete in 2018 last weekend with a distance of 53-8 ½ at the Tostrud Open. Dols took second in the shot put at last year's Conference Championships.

### **Emmanuel Egbujor | Jr. | Augsburg**

The junior speedster is hitting his stride at exactly the right time, setting a pair of Auggie program records last Friday. Egbujor clocked in at a Division III national-best 6.79 to set a new school record in the 60-meter dash and took down a 14-year-old program mark in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.08. His adjusted time of 21.70 in the 200 is the fifth-fastest in the nation.

### **Eric Holst | Jr. | St. Thomas**

The junior hurler broke a 25-year-old program record last week with a 63-0 weight throw at the U of M Snowshoe Open last Friday. That throw ranks No. 2 in Division III and beat a trio of Division I competitors at last weekend's meet. Holst's best throw during the 2017 campaign was a 51-4 ¼.

### **Keith Ketola | Sr. | St. Olaf**

After winning the mile race at the UST Showcase two weeks ago in 4:18.94, Ketola shaved three seconds off his time last weekend to rank second in the MIAC and 22nd in the nation with a season-best time of 4:15.32.

**Carl Klamm | Jr. | Bethel**

The reigning MIAC Men's Track Athlete of the Week was part of Bethel's record-setting 4x400-meter relay team that broke a school record and leads Division III with a time of 3:16.29 in the 1,600. Klamm already held the school record for the 400-meter with a time of 48.98 and boasts the MIAC mark in the 600-meter, having clocked in at 1:20.19 at last year's Conference Championships.

**Brandon Krogman | Jr. | Saint Mary's**

An All-MIAC honoree in the 800-meter last winter, Krogman figures to be back in the mix again this year. He most recently took first at the Big Dawg Invitational in Stevens Point, Wis. last weekend with a time of 1:56.06.

**Ryan Miller | Fy. | Saint John's**

Clocking in at 6.97 in the 60-meter dash, freshman sprinter Ryan Miller tallied the second-fastest time in the MIAC this season at the Johnnies' home invite earlier this month.

**Taylor Rooney | Fy. | Gustavus**

In his first season of collegiate competition, Rooney is already turning heads. He now ranks fourth in Division III with a time of 8.14 in the 60-meter hurdles and has demonstrated a skill for leaping as well, tying the Gustavus program record in the high jump with a 6-5 ½ last month.

**Jack Schultenover | Sr. | Macalester**

The senior sprinter finished first at last weekend's Tostrud Open in Northfield with a time of 7.06, just 0.01 seconds off his own school record while moving into the top five in the MIAC top times standings.

**David Supinski | Jr. | Concordia**

The junior runner recently claimed the Cobber mark in the 300-meter with a time of 36.02 at the NDSU Bison Open to start the month of February. Supinski also holds the Concordia records in the 400-meter and 600-meter.