

St. Thomas duo, Hamline's Larson claim 2014 MIAC Outdoor T&F Awards

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ST. PAUL, Minn. -- The University of St. Thomas claimed its third-straight conference title last weekend at the 2014 Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) Outdoor Track and Field Championships at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn. As a result, the Tommies took home three of the top four individual honors with a Hamline runner winning the other when the 2014 MIAC Men's Outdoor Track and Field Awards were announced Thursday.

St. Thomas senior Maxwell Dunne starred in his final conference meet, and he was rewarded with a pair of honors - the Outstanding Men's Field Athlete award and the Men's Outstanding Performance-of-the-Meet honor for his victory in the decathlon. His coach, Steve Mathre, was voted the MIAC Men's Outdoor Track and Field Coach-of-the-Year for guiding the Tommies to their three-peat, and Hamline sprinter Tom Larson ran his way to Outstanding Men's Track Athlete honors with a tremendous performance in the sprint events.



In addition, the top three individuals in each event and the first-place relay team automatically received All-Conference honors, and the fourth- through sixth-place finishers in each open event and second- through sixth-place relay teams were named All-Conference Honorable Mention. They can be viewed in the [final results](#) from the 2014 MIAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC selected the eighth annual All-MIAC Sportsmanship team for Men's Outdoor Track & Field. Members of the All-MIAC Sportsmanship team are selected by their coaches and teammates as individuals who demonstrate ideals of positive sportsmanship both on and off the field of competition.

Complete information from the 2014 MIAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships - including results, recaps, photos and more - can be found on the event's [home page](#).

2014 MIAC Men's Outdoor Track and Field Awards

Outstanding Men's Track Athlete - **Tom Larson, Hamline**

The Pipers' Larson (So., Minnetonka, Minn./Holy Family) sprinted his way to Outstanding Men's Track Athlete honors with a first-place finish and a pair of runner-up efforts. He won the 100-meter dash with a winning time of 10.76 seconds, which was 0.23 seconds better than the runner-up. He was a close second in the 200-meter dash, finishing in 22.27, just 0.10 seconds behind the winner. His time of 22.13 seconds was also the second-fastest time in the 200 prelims. Larson also anchored Hamline's 4x100-meter relay team to a second-place finish and a time of 42.340 seconds. In all, Larson earned one MIAC individual title, two All-Conference honors and an All-MIAC Honorable Mention award.

Outstanding Men's Field Athlete - **Maxwell Dunne, St. Thomas**

The Tommies' Dunne (Sr., Lakeville, Minn./South) played a huge role in his team's championship as he won a pair of individual field events and claimed Outstanding Men's Field Athlete honors. Dunne captured his third-straight MIAC championship in the decathlon with a score of 6,561, which was also voted the Men's Outstanding Performance-of-the-Meet (more below). He also added a first-place finish in the pole vault, as he cleared the bar at 15-0 feet (4.57 meters) to claim the title by two inches over the runner-up. Dunne's two victories were a huge key to his team's success, as the Tommies' won their third-straight title by a margin of just 13.5 points over runner-up St. Olaf.

Men's Outstanding Performance-of-the-Meet - **Maxwell Dunne, St. Thomas, Decathlon**

Dunne's third-straight victory in the decathlon was voted the Men's Outstanding Performance-of-the-Meet, as he finished fifth or better in each of the 10 events. The St. Thomas senior won three of the 10 events to claim his title, and his score ranks No. 8 nationally in 2014. He dominated the throwing events en route to a winning total of 6,561 points, which was 219 points better than the runner-up. He finished first in the shot put (41-7.25), discus (116-0) and javelin (156-3), and took second in the long jump and pole vault. Dunne added a third-place finish in the 100-meter hurdles, he was fourth in the 100-meter dash, high jump and 1,500-meter run and finished fifth in the 400-meter dash.

Men's Coach-of-the-Year - **Steve Mathre, St. Thomas**

Mathre was voted the MIAC Men's Outdoor Track and Field Coach-of-the-Year for the third-straight season thanks to his team's thrilling victory and conference championship. The Tommies racked up 172.5 points to beat host St. Olaf by just 13.5 points in a tremendous two-team race to the title. Mathre's team was balanced across both the track and field events with six individual champions and 11 All-Conference honorees. His team had two track winners and six All-MIAC performances, with four field victories and five field All-Conference showings. The title was the team's third in a row and 32nd overall, which leads the MIAC, and St. Thomas has now won 27 of the past 32 outdoor titles. This is Mathre's 19th season as the Tommies' head coach, and he has won numerous indoor and outdoor track and field coaching honors.

2014 Men's Outdoor Track and Field All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team

Augsburg - Phil Putratz (Fr., Mazeppa, Minn. / Zumbrota-Mazeppa)
Bethel - Patrick Klamm (Fr., Evanston, Ill.)
Carleton - Adan Nunez-Frausto (Sr., Phoenix, Ariz. / Brophy College Prep)
Concordia - Connor Johnson (Sr., Colfax, N.D. / Richland)
Gustavus - Pat Tracy (Sr., St. Louis Park, Minn.)
Hamline - Derek Wilson (Sr., Eagan, Minn.)
Macalester - Mason Kriegel (Jr., Danbury, Wis. / Webster)
Saint John's - James McLean (Sr., Nisswa, Minn. / Brainerd)
Saint Mary's - Gus Wiggert (Sr., La Crosse, Wis. / Logan)
St. Olaf - Calvin Knickerbocker (So., Mahtomedi, Minn.)
St. Thomas - Scott Fusco (Sr., Eagan, Minn. / Eastview)

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