

1999 MIAC Men's Outdoor Track & Field Championship Recap

Saint John's Captures MIAC Men's Track Title
by Michael Hemmesch , St. John's SID

Collegeville, Minn. - For the second time in three seasons, the Saint John's University men's track and field team won the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference men's track and field championship on Friday and Saturday, May 7 & 8, at Clemens Stadium on the campus of Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minn.

The Johnnies won the meet with 217.7 points, ahead of St. Thomas with 171 points. Concordia finished third with 102 points. SJUlast won a MIAC track and field title in 1997. St. Thomas finished second for only the second time in the last 17 MIAC meets.

Two new MIAC men's records were set during the meet. Aaron Smith from Gustavus set a new MIAC meet record in the hammer throw with a throw of 192 feet, 10 inches. Greg Kaiser of St. Thomas set a new MIAC meet record in the javelin with a throw of 206 feet.

Jeremy Heckman of St. Thomas was a double winner in the 100-meters (10.65 seconds) and 200-meters (21.49 seconds). Josh Kath from St. Thomas won MIAC titles in the 1500-meters and 5000-meters. Micah Benson led the Cobbers with wins in the High Jump (6-6 3/4) and the Long Jump (28-8 1/2).

Kajerero Ssebbaale from Macalester won the MIAC title in the triple jump with a distance of 47 feet, 10 1/2 inches, which qualified him for the national meet. Darwin Dumonceaux from Saint John's and Aaron Smith from Gustavus Adolphus finished in first and second place and each qualified for the national meet with their throws of 56 feet, 1 3/4 inches in the shot put. Ben Nyquist from Hamline won the MIAC title in the discus and qualified for nationals with a distance of 173 feet, 2 inches. Aaron Smith also automatically qualified for nationals in the discus with a throw of 168 feet, 7 inches.