

2018 Horsepower – Track and Field

Seniors and Underclassmen Combine Efforts, Contribute to Solid Season

2017-18 Season Overview

The Brophy track and field team won the 2018 Northeast Valley Region championship and advanced many athletes to the Arizona Division 1 state meet. The 150 student-athletes who competed this spring did so in addition to their many other activities in the Brophy community. Their discipline and positive energy, along with the guidance from a great team of 12 coaches, resulted in impressive individual and team results.

Team members who contributed points to the regional championship included Cy Harris '18, Garrett Argetsinger '19, Zack Beall '19, Drew Burns '18, Grant Smith '18, José Acuna '20, Anekin Hetman '19, Ethan Ripple '19, Matthew Whitehouse '19, Andrew Duque '20, Brady O'Gara '19, Jay Patel '19, Michael Beram '18, Keegan Kalkman '18, Carson Kurtz '18, Zion Magitt '18, Cole Macias '18, Mitch Greene '18, Max Allen '20, Lake Etsitty '19, Eric DiMaria '18, Kenneth Roe '20, T.J. Martinez '19, Aidan Dale '20, Kenny Fitzgerald '20, Atllas Hopkins '19 and Andrew Onyepunuka '19. Hetman was the Northeast Region 1600m champion; along with teammates Burns (second) and Acuna (fourth) they made the mile a huge point event (23) for Brophy. Other big events for the Broncos included the 3200m with Acuna and Hetman taking second and third, Beram and Kurtz earning 18 points with first- and second-place finishes in the pole vault and 10 points scored in the javelin competition. Many athletes went on to represent Brophy at state with top performances.

At the AIA Division 1 state championships, Kurtz and Beram placed second and third in the pole vault, scoring eight and six points, respectively. Beall finished eighth in the 800m and our distance group with Beall, Acuna, Hetman and O'Gara placed sixth in the 3200m relay.

Brophy distance runners also performed well at the Arcadia Invitational (California) in April. Burns ran the 3200m (two-mile) in 9:11.5, the top Arizona Division I finish in 2018. The Brophy 4x1600m relay team of Hetman, Beall, Acuna and Smith set Brophy's school record and placed fifth at this huge meet that includes over 700 high schools.

The varsity team, including many underclassmen, did well throughout the season. In addition to the Northeast Region championship, Brophy won the North Canyon Invitational team championship, placed second at our home AMDG Invitational and second at the Southeast Region meet. The freshman and sophomore team was the runner-up at Brophy's Fr. Olivier Friendship Invitational for underclassmen, and Beram medaled at the Fr. 'Dutch' Olivier Decathlon event.

The Brophy Sports Campus remains one of the best high school track venues in Arizona and Brophy hosted three invitationals – the AMDG Invitational, the Fr. Olivier Invitational and the

Arizona Meet of Champions. Many of the top Arizona high school performances of 2018 took place at the BSC with several stadium records set that may stand for years to come.

2018-19 Season Preview

This year's track and field season looks promising for the Broncos. Most of last season's top region and state performers will return to their events. Our experienced coaching staff will have the athletes ready. Coaches include Oscar Borboa '05 and Chabli Balcom (distance runners), Robert Brooks and Andy Reinhardt (hurdles/sprints), Roberto Hayes and Joe Klein (throws), Chris Ramsey and Michael Schwertley (jumps) and Alex Bishop and Cole Walsh (pole vault). With more than 100 underclassmen returning, Brophy will continue to record outstanding performances and be a team that brings a dedicated and diverse group of talented athletes to each meet.

Bill Kalkman Head Coach

Coach Kalkman began teaching biology and coaching at Brophy in 2004. A native of Minnesota, he earned a degree from the University of Minnesota, Morris where he competed in track and football. He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire before moving to Milwaukee as the head track and football coach at St. Thomas More High School.

Coach Kalkman moved to Arizona in 1996, and was previously the head track coach at Hamilton High School. He and his wife, Marcia, have two children, Keegan '18 and Carina.