

BYU Men Win Ninth Straight Indoor Title

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BYU won the MWC Indoor Championships on Saturday.
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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (Feb. 26, 2011) - The No. 7 BYU men's track team picked up its ninth consecutive Mountain West Conference indoor championship with 193 points.

"What a great team effort," head coach Mark Robison said. "I couldn't be happier for our guys. The coaches and athletes all did great."

BYU got five first place finishes on the second and final day of competition to secure the Cougar's conference title. Air Force finished in second with 122 points.

"Today we had a phenomenal day," Robison said. "We performed extremely well."

Sophomore Victor Weirich won the pole vault, clearing a height of 5.38m (17-07.75). BYU picked up even more points with seniors Chris Little finishing second and Tanner Emrich taking fourth.

The triple jump went well for junior Anse Myller DeAraujo jumping 15.15m (49-08.50) for third place. Junior Kyle Mills finished in fifth place and jumped 14.94m (49-00.25).

Senior Leif Arrhenius picked up his second championship of the meet with a victory in the shot put. The All-American had a throw of 18.80m (61-08.25).

The Cougars also had a one-two finish in the 800-meter with junior Justin Hedin taking the top spot with a time of 1:49.77 for a new meet record and senior Brian Weirich right behind him with a time of 1:50.60.

In the 400-meter dash, BYU was able to again pick up the first and second spots to pick up more points. Junior Chris Carter ran a 47.73 for the win and sophomore Sean Adams in 48.16 for the second-place finish. Sophomore James Derek McAllister picked up a sixth place finish with a time of 49.59.

Junior Miles Batty won the mile event in a time of 4:15.23 to add to the scoring total and sophomores Travis Fuller and Jacob Cosby finished in fourth and fifth place, respectively.

The 3000-meter features freshman Jared Ward participating despite a hard 5000-meter the night before. Ward finished in second place and set a lifetime best record time of 8:18.73.

The Cougars 4x400-meter relay team suffered a botched handoff but managed to finish in second place. McAllister, Adams, Hedin and Carter finished in a time of 3:12.92.

For complete results, [CLICK HERE](#).

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Up next, the team will prepare for the Last Chance Invitational next week in South Bend, Indiana.