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Two records fell, two others were tied and the team race was still wide open after the first night of the two-night Western Athletic Conference Indoor Track and Field meet at the Salt Palace.

Scott Bringhurst, slight little distance runner from the University of Utah, and Fiji Islander Samoni Tamani of Brigham Young University were the record breakers.

Bringhurst, running ahead in the first seven laps of the 22-lap two mile, dropped back to third for the next 13 laps and then whizzed by Dave Hindley of BYU and Chuck Bednarski of UTAP.

Picture Runner

His time was 8:55.9, breaking the record of 8:57.7 set last year by Chuck Schuck of New Mexico. It was the fastest indoor time in Bringhurst's career.

Tamani, a tall, slim, smooth-striding picture runner, won the 440 by the proverbial mile in the sensational time of 47.6, a Western Athletic Conference record and only

six-tenths of a second off the NCAA record.

Ralph Mann of BYU, who qualified easily in the 600-yard finals, held the old 440 record at 48.5.

Great Finish

In the most sensational finish of the evening, with two runners diving for the tape at the end of the half mile, Kerry Ellison of UTEP nosed out Steve Bergeson of BYU as both were clocked in 1:52.9.

At the end of four events completed Friday, BYU was ahead with 41 points to 36 for UTEP. Utah was in third with 22 followed by Colorado State with eight, New Mexico with six, Wyoming with five, Arizona with four and Arizona State with two.

Holds Edge

With UTEP expected to have an edge in the field events for Saturday night and BYU expected to score big in the 600 and possibly the 1,000 the meet may come down to three sensational relays.

The relays to be run Saturday night are the mile, two-mile and distance medley, all of which look like good events

for BYU. However, New Mexico may upset the apple cart with an extremely powerful two-mile team.

Saturday's running events will begin at 7:45 p.m. with the 60-yard dash finals, followed immediately by the 60-yard high hurdles finals.

The first event will be the pole vault which will begin at 7 p.m. followed by the triple jump, shot put and high jump.

There will be finals in the 600 yards, 1,000 yards, mile and three relays. There also will be an exhibition high school mile relay race.

On Saturday afternoon there will be a high school meet in the Salt Palace beginning at 1 p.m. with the last events scheduled for about 3:30 p.m. This high school meet will be free.

60 yard dash trials — Heat 1 Harrington Jackson (UTEP) :6.9; 2. Gus Brisco (AU) :6.0; Mike Roberts (ASU) :6.1. Heat 2 1. Hardie Messengill (AU) :6.1; 2. Samoni Tamani (BYU) :6.2; 3. Steve Tullin (UTEP) :6.2. Heat 3 — 1. Jackie White (AU) :6.2; 2. Paul Gibson (UTEP) :6.3; 3. Walter Henderson (NM) :6.2. Heat 4 — 1. Doug Hawker (ASU) :6.5; 2. Rudolph Reid (UTEP) :6.3; 3. Jesse Johnston (NM) :6.3 Semifinals (everyone listed enters Saturday's finals). Heat 1 — 1. Jackson (UTEP) :6.0; Brisco (AU) :6.1; 2. Hawker (ASU) :6.1. Heat 2 — 1. Messengill (AU) :6.0; 2. Gibson

(UTEP) :6.1; Henderson (NM) :6.2 and Tamani (BYU) :6.2.

60 yard high hurdles (Semifinals) (Everyone listed enters Saturday's finals). Heat 1 — 1. Paul Gibson (UTEP) :7.0; 2. Phil Webb (CSU) :7.3; 3. Darby Jones (ASU) :7.3; 4. Craig Fisher (WU) :7.4; Heat 2 — 1. Richard Muck (NM) :7.3; 2. Dan Rediearn (BYU) :7.3; 3. Ashland Whitfield (AU) :7.5.

800-yd. run trials (everyone listed enters Saturday's finals) — Heat 1 — 1. Erick Wadsworth (BYU) 1:54.9; 2-Tom Erickson (NM) 1:55.3; Heat 2 — 1-Tim Balfuk (WU) 1:56.4; 2-Kerry Ellison (UTEP) 1:56.6; Heat 3 — 1-Steve Bergeson (BYU) 1:55.2; 2-Reid Cole (NM) 1:55.3; 3-Frank Wolter (UU) 1:55.3.

Long Jump Finals — 1. Dave Walker, Utah, 24-6 1/2; 2. Phil Webb, Colorado State, 24-10 1/2; 3. Wadsworth first because of a better second jump; 3. Roy McDonald, UTEP, 24-1 1/2; 4. Larry Vanley, UTEP, 23-9 1/2; 5. Wayne King, Wyoming, 23-4 1/2; 6. Steve Holden, Arizona State, 23-3 1/4; 7. Craig Fisher, Wyoming, 22-7 1/4.

1,000 yd. trials (Everyone listed qualifies for Saturday's finals) Heat 1 — 1-Allen Judd (BYU) 2:14.9; 2-Bruce Avery (UU) 2:16.1; 3-Tom Erickson (NM) 2:18.7; 4-Karl Armitage (UU) 2:19.0. Heat 2 — 1-Uasaia Solute (BYU) 2:13.5; 2-Brad Avery (UU) 2:145.1; 3-Greg Jones (UTEP) 2:13.2.

High school invitational mile — 1-Steve Jensen (Orem) 4:39.1; 2-Leon Hansen (Hillcrest) 4:32.3; 3-Steve Kasterler (Highland) 4:15.9; 4-Don Madden (West) 4:39.4; 5-Steve Jones (Olympus) 4:39.6; 6-Sherm Tate (South

Two-mile Run — 1. Scott Bringhurst, Utah, 8:55.9 (New Record); 2. John Bednarski, UTEP, 9:56.0; 3. Richard Pynn, BYU, 9:05.2; 4. Dave Hindley, BYU, 9:05.2; 5. Wayne Jensen, Wyoming, 9:10.4; 6. Skyler Jones, Arizona State, 9:14.2.

400 Yard Dash — 1. Samoni Tamani, BYU, 47.6 (New Record); 2. Charles Johnson UTEP, 48.7; 3. Ben Parling on, BYU, 48.9; 4. Mike Fredrickson, New Mexico, 49.6; 5. Matt Henry, New Mexico, 49.6; 6. Bill Stadelman, BYU, 49.6.

800 Yard Dash — 1. Kerry Ellison, UTEP, 1:52.9; 2. Steve Bergeson, BYU, 1:52.9; 3. Erick Wadsworth, BYU, 1:54.3; 4. Vic Moore, Arizona, 1:54.5; 5. Frank Wolter, Utah, 1:55.1; 6. Tim Balfuk, Wyoming, 1:58.0.

WAC Track

Summary

60-yard dash finals — 1. Harrington Jackson, UTEP, :6.0 (ties WAC record set last year by Mike Fray, UTEP). 2. Gus Briscoe, Arizona, :6.2. 3. Hardy Messengill, Arizona, :6.2. 4. Paul Gibson, UTEP, :6.2. 5. Saimoni Tamani, BYU, :6.2. 6. Doug Hawken, Arizona State, :6.2.

60-yard high hurdles finals — 1. Paul Gibson, UTEP, :7.0 (ties WAC record set by Gibson last year). 2. Richard Mauck, New Mexico, :7.3. 3. Dan Redfearn, BYU, :7.3. 4. Darby Jones, Arizona State, :7.3. 5. Phil Webb, Colo. State, :7.4. 6. Ashland Whitfield, Arizona, :7.5.

Distance medley relay finals — 1. BYU (Steve Bergeson, Saimoni Tamani, Dee Barrows, Dave Hindley), 10:02.0. 2. UTEP, 10:15.0. 3. Utah, 10:22.0. 4. Wyoming, 10:28.0. 5. Arizona State, 10:35.0.

600-yard run finals — 1. Reid Cole, New Mexico, 2:10.6. 4. Usaia Sotutu, cord, breaks mark of 1:10.2 set by Paul Hackett of BYU in 1970). 2. Paul Hackett, BYU, 1:10.9. 3. Ralph Mann, BYU, 1:11.2. 4. Ulf Nilsson, New Mexico, 1:11.5. 5. Ron Rondeau, UTEP, 1:12.5. 6. Larry Watson, Arizona, 1:12.9.

Mile Run — 1. Wayne Jensen, Wyoming, 4:03.6 (New WAC record, old record 4:10.4 by Chuck LaBenz of Arizona State 1970); 2. Rod Hill UTEP, 4:06.5; 3. Sam Francis, BYU, 4:07.1; 4. David Roberts, New Mexico, 4:10.8; 5. Bill Rice, Utah, 4:15.2; 6. Pete Romero, UTEP, 4:25.3.

Two-mile relay finals — 1. UTEP (Bob Crow, Bob Doyle, Fernando DeLaCerde, Kerry Ellison), 7:42.3. 2. BYU, 7:42.3. 3. New Mexico, 7:47.6. 4. Utah, 7:50.6. 5. Colo. State, 8:02.3. 6. Wyoming, 8:05.9.

1,000-yard run finals — 1. Greg Jones, UTEP, 2:07.5. (New WAC record, old mark 2:09.4 set last year by Stan Bergeson of BYU. The mark is also better than the official NCAA record). Allan Judd, BYU, 2:08.9. 3. Tom Ericson, New Mexico, 2:10.6. 4. Usaia Sotutu, BYU, 2:11.4. 5. Bruce Avery, Utah, 2:16.1. 6. Brad Avery, Utah, 2:18.1.

Triple jump finals—1. Larry Vanley (UTEP), 51-8. 2. Chuck Steffes (NM), 51-1½. 2. Harold Kelley (UTEP), 50-8¾. 4. Larry Litdinoff (ASU), 50-5; 5. Wayne King (W), 49-6; 6. Don Welsh (U), 48-5¾. (New WAC record. Old record of 50-3 set by Issac Williams, (A).

Shot Put — 1. Fred DeBernardi, UTEP, 64-2½ (New WAC record, old record 59-1½ set by Vince Monari, UTEP, 1970; 2. Vince Monari, UTEP, 64-7½; 3. Rolf Engels, BYU, 61-1; 4. John Birkelbach, UTEP, 59-9; 5. John Barber, Arizona State, 57-3; 6. Anders Arrheinus, BYU, 57-0;

Mile relay—1. BYU (Ben Partington, Paul Hackett, Ralph Mann, Saimoni Tamani), 3:14.0. (New WAC record, old mark of 3:14.8 set by New Mexico in 1970. Also breaks NCAA record). 2. UTEP, 3:17.1. 3. New Mexico 3:18.2. 4. Arizona, 3:18.9. 5. Utah, 3:20.2. 6. Wyoming, 3:21.1.

High jump—1. Lorenzo Allen, Arizona, 6-11½. 2. Fernando Abugattas, New Mexico, 6-11½. 3. Aaro Alarotu, BYU, 6-8. 4. Ingemar Jernberg, New Mexico, 6-8. 5. Jay Hardman, Utah, 6-6. 6. Dan Mendenhall, BYU, 6-6.

Pole vault—1. Paul Hegler, UTEP, 16-0. 2. Ingemar Jernberg New Mexico, 16-0. 3. John Worcester, New Mexico, 15-6. 4. Allan Mann, Arizona, 15-0. 5. Mario Rav, BYU, 15-0. 6. Jim Lincoln, New Mexico, 15-0.

UTEP finished with 155 points to 125 for BYU. New Mexico was next with 89, followed by Utah, 42; Arizona, 34; Wyoming, 23; Arizona State, 15; and Colorado State 12.