



Photo by Beth Van Deusen

# The Pre Classic:

in memory of Oregon's finest distance man

It's been called many things for many years, but Saturday's second-annual Steve Prefontaine Classic is still one of the top track spectacles of the year.

Saturday's meet will begin at 1:15 p.m. with the women's javelin, and will feature many events worthy of attention. Some of the big ones will be:

- The discus, where world record-holder Mac Wilkins (232-6) will return to Hayward Field after a tour of Europe.

- The men's 1,500 as former Oregon runner Scott Daggatt will attempt to qualify for the Olympic Trials. Daggatt needs a time of 3:40.6, and has a best of 3:43.8.

- The men's 400 meters, where AAU champion David Jenkins of Great Britain will face former UCLA runners Maxie Parks (45.4)

and Benny Brown (45.5). Oregon's Dave Hagmeier (48.4) will also be competing.

Other top performers who will be competing are Jim Judd (278-2) and Fred Luke (273-6) of Club Northwest in the javelin, Al

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Feuerback (71-6) in the shot put, AAU champion Mark Enyeart (1:48.8) in the men's 800 and former Oregon State star Tom Woods (7-4¼) in the men's high jump.

Outstanding women will be Francie Larrieu Lutz in the 1,500, Oregon Track Club's Joni Huntley (6-2) in the high jump and national high school record holder Eryn Forbes (2:14.0) from Sunset High of Beaverton in the women's 800.

The talent will be plentiful, and if history repeats itself, there could be some real top marks set. Last year, Don Quarrie and Steve Williams blitzed to a world record 19.9 in the 200 meters.

In 1974, when the meet was billed the Hayward Field Restoration Meet, Prefontaine clocked a 12:51.4 for an American three-mile record. The 880 world record was also broken as Rick Wohlhuter won in 1:44.1.

Hurdler Rod Milburn was the star of the 1973 meet when it was first organized to raise funds for Hayward Field. The Olympic gold medalist tied his world record in the high hurdles and Dave Wottle ran the third fastest mile ever.

This year's meet will have the same amount of quality, and the name will stick. Last year's meet was billed the Bill Bowerman Classic after the former Oregon coach. Three days before the meet began, however, Prefontaine was killed in an auto accident near Hendricks Park.

Prefontaine was a home-grown product from Coos Bay, and still holds American records at 2,000, 3,000, 5,000 and 10,000 meters and at three and six miles.

## Starting times

- 1:15 — womens javelin
- mens javelin (to follow women)
- 1:40 — pole vault
- 1:45 — steeplechase
- 2:00 — mens 100 meters
- 2:10 — mens 110 meter hurdles
- 2:20 — womens 1,500 meter run
- 2:25 — mens shot put
- 2:25 — mens long jump
- 2:30 — mens 1,500 meter run
- 2:35 — womens high jump
- mens high jump (follows women)
- 2:35 — womens discus
- mens discus (follows women)
- 2:40 — womens 400 meter dash
- 2:50 — mens 400 meter dash
- 3:00 — mens 800 meter run
- 3:05 — womens 800 meter run
- 3:10 — womens 200 meter dash
- 3:15 — mens 200 meter dash
- 3:20 — mens 400 meter intermediate hurdles
- 3:30 — mens 5,000 meter run



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