

Pre Classic attracts stars

The last major track and field meet before the Summer Olympic Games will bring some 80 Olympians from 20 countries to Hayward Field Saturday.

The 10th annual Prefontaine Classic will showcase performances by top American and international track and field stars. Meet director Tom Jordan says the Olympic-year classic has "the potential to be one of the best invitational meets ever held in the U.S."

Opening ceremonies begin at 4:55 p.m. with a moment of silence in memory of former world-class distance runner and Duck letter winner Steve Prefontaine. The Bill Bowerman Classic was rededicated in Pre's honor a week after his death in May 1975.

Former Olympic athletes in attendance at the meet also will be introduced at the opening ceremonies. Actual competition begins with the hammer throw at 3:45 p.m.

The classic field will feature several world record holders, including Chinese high-jumper Zhu Jianhua. Zhu jumped 7-10

to break his own world record at a June 10 meet in West Germany.

American Tom Tetranoff, current world record holder in the javelin throw, also will appear at the classic.

University running-ace Joaquim Cruz announced Tuesday that he will compete in the 1,000 meter run. Cruz, who won individual titles for the NCAA champion Ducks in the 800 and the 1,500 meters this spring, had originally planned to pass the classic because it was scheduled too soon before the Olympics.

Two-time New York Marathon winner and former Duck Alberto Salazar will compete in the 10,000 meter run against Mark Nenow, third fastest American in the event. Art Boileau of Canada, a former University runner, also will compete.

Mary Decker of Athletics West, slated for Olympic competition in the women's 3,000 meter run, will compete in the 1,500 meters at the classic against Kim Gallagher.

Gallagher won the 800 meters at July's U.S. Olympic Trials in Los Angeles.

University record holder Brian Crouser joins Tetranoff in the javelin throw. Crouser set the new school record with a 292-8 throw in an all-comers meet Friday at Hayward Field.

Jordan says a near-capacity crowd and long lines at Hayward Field ticket booths are expected. Advance tickets are



Steve Prefontaine

on sale for \$8.00 (adults) and \$5.00 (younger than 18 and older than 65). They may be purchased at the University ticket office at McArthur Court or at G.I. Joe's (Delta and Belt Line highways in northeast Eugene).

The classic will be televised live on ESPN (cable channel 5) from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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Blues revue to play

Ten veteran blues musicians will bring a varied sampling of this folk art to the Community Center for the Performing Arts on Friday.

The first act of the traveling blues revue will feature traditional country blues performers. That will be followed by a dance with a band headed by Chicago singer and guitarist David "Honeyboy" Edwards.

The revue was organized by Andy Cohen, a young musician who also will perform with the show. This tour brings many of these musicians to the Northwest for the first time.

The country blues segment will include Cohen, guitarist Jim Brewer, the piano and guitar team of John Dee Holman and Quentin Holoway, and the Rev. Dan Smith, who plays harmonica in the tradition of Sonny Terry.

Edwards is originally from Mississippi where he played with Charley Patton and Robert Johnson, two of the most influential Delta blues singers. He later moved to Chicago where he recorded for Chess and other record labels.

Edwards will be joined by Lester Davenport, who played harmonica on early Bo Diddley recordings. "Harmonica" Frank Frost will appear as a special guest.

Tickets for the show are \$5 in advance, \$6 the day of the show, and are available at the EMU main desk, Earth River Records and the W.O.W. Hall office.

Doors open at 8 p.m. and the show starts at 8:30 p.m. The show is open to all ages. Beer will be served downstairs.

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