

■ 1995 PREFONTAINE CLASSIC

PRE

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flipped over, pinned him to the ground and eventually suffocated him. Pre was dead at the age of 24.

Today, the embankment serves as Pre's shrine. Minus the weeds that grow on the rest of the embankment, a large portion is labeled simply 'PRE 5-30-75 R.I.P.' and serves as a way for his many followers to remember him.

The memorial is decorated rather simply; two figurines of his likeness, a few flowers, and a pair of running shoes mark it. But its magnitude is so much more.

Pre

Pre's spirit, however, lives on. And while his accomplishments do all of the talking, it was Pre's personality, his charisma that has kept his memory alive.

During his career, he developed a bond with Oregon track fans; they were his fans — as he described them — and he treated them that way. That relationship, bolstered by the ora about him, made Steve Prefontaine simply Pre.

"It was obvious that he had a world-class attitude," Bow-erman said.

Indeed, That world-class attitude made Pre arguably the most popular track icon ever. It gave the sport of track life, and gave Pre life beyond death.

He drew large crowds for his practices, he catored to the fans with genuine victory laps and he took time out to address his fans with autographs and idle chit-chat. While he was a tough competitor, he was also the fans' champion.

"His personality would have made whatever sport he

was associated with popular," said Tom Jordan, Eugene promoter and coordinator for the Prefontaine Classic. "He had no intimidation factor. He wasn't intimidated by the media — who were much older than him — or his opponents, and I don't think he was intimidated by pain."

But that intensity didn't by any means interfere with Pre's legacy.

"(He has) grown into a legend. By definition a legend is somebody that is larger than life," Jordan said. "One of the things that I think people feel about his death is what might have been. He was on his way to making track a nationally known sport."

His untimely death cut short his drive to put track and field on the map. But what he had already done could never be taken away.

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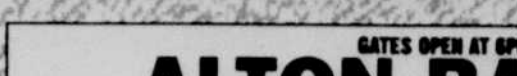
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