

'World's fastest man' to run in Pre

One star replaces another as Maurice Greene takes the place of Michael Johnson at the 2001 Prefontaine Classic

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For all of you track and field fans disappointed to see Olympic gold medalist Michael Johnson withdraw from the Prefontaine Classic, here's a consolation — world record-holder Maurice Greene will race in the Pre 100 meters. Greene is the eighth Olympic and

World champion to enter into the prestigious event, which takes place Sunday at Hayward Field.

The "world's fastest man" owns the world record in the 100 meters at 9.79 seconds and won the gold medal at the 2000 Olympic games in Sydney, Australia. Greene is undefeated in the past three years at the Classic and has won two of the last three Pre 100-meter races.

Greene ran times of 9.79 and 9.84 in 1998 and 1999, respectively, but because of tail winds over the allowable speed, his times were kept out of the record books. 2000 champion

Coby Miller owns the meet record at 10.0 seconds but will not be back to defend his title due to a broken left fibula. Greene opted to run the 200 meters last year but was again foiled by wind as his time of 19.93 was kept out of record books.

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Joining Greene in a star-studded field are Bruny Surin of

Canada, the third fastest 100-meter performer ever at 9.84 seconds, John Drummond, ranked No. 8 in the world last year, Tim Montgomery, Kenny Brokenburr and Bernard Williams.

Drummond, Brokenburr and Williams will double in the 200 meters along with Osaka Grand Prix champion Shawn Crawford, who owns the world's fastest 200-meter time this year at 20.20 seconds.

Tickets for this weekend's meet are still available at the Duck Ticket Office or by calling 1-800-WEB-FOOT.

Sports brief

Colorado beats St. Louis by one in overtime

DENVER — Wearing the black "16W" cap that represents his career-long mission, Ray Bourque playfully put teammate Joe Sakic in a headlock that signified gratitude as much as relief.

With one timely backhand, Sakic sent Bourque and Colorado to the Stanley Cup finals by scoring on a rebound 24 seconds into overtime to give the Avalanche a 2-1 victory over the St. Louis Blues Monday night.

While the Avalanche are five years removed from a championship, Bourque will play for the Stanley Cup for the first time since 1990. In his 22nd season, he has yet to win the title and his cap represents the number of victories needed for the Cup.

"You go into every game with pressure, but it's a lot of fun," Bourque said. "After you've won the game, it's a lot of

relief and a lot of satisfaction. There was a lot of emotion at the end."

Colorado, the NHL's top team during the regular season, made it out of the Western Conference finals for the first time in three years. The Avalanche lost Game 7 of the finals to the Dallas Stars in 1999 and 2000 but finished St. Louis off in five games.

"I didn't think it would take this long to get back to the finals," forward Stephane Yelle, who was a rookie when Colorado won it all in 1996.

Sakic's goal, his ninth of the playoffs, came while Blues defenseman Alexander Khavanov served a four-minute penalty for high-sticking, called with 2:16 left in regulation. The hit left Colorado forward Milan Hejduk bloodied, prompting the double-minor.

"I was just trying to protect myself," Khavanov said. "It's pretty upsetting, but right now there is nothing I can do. It was an unfortunate call. I didn't mean to get my stick up."

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Men's Pac-10

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from the Pac-10 favored to win an NCAA title.

Stiegeler owns the nation's top mark in the javelin at 245 feet, nine inches.

Last season, seven Pac-10 men won NCAA titles. Stanford's Brad Hauser won the 5,000 and 10,000 meters, while Jennings won the 1,500 meters. Arizona's Patrick Nduwimana and Esko Makkola won titles in the 800 meters and javelin, respectively. USC's Felix Sanchez won the 110 hurdles and California's Bevan Hart won the decathlon to round out the list.

Conference contenders this year include UCLA's Scott Moser in the discus, Washington State's Arend Watkins in the 110 hurdles, Cal's Bolota Asmeron in the 5,000 meters, USC's Dennis Kholev in the pole vault and Arizona State's Marcus Munson in the 100 and 200 meters. Jennings returns this year in the 1,500 meters, but he doesn't have the nation's fastest time.

Record books

Sunday was not a record-breaking day for Pac-10 teams at the conference championships. For the first time since 1996, no meet records were broken. Watkins came close in the 110 hurdles, but was a tenth of a second off Greg Foster's meet record of 13.43 seconds. Stiegeler tossed the javelin 267 feet, which would have broken Greg Johnson's meet record of 252-1, but it landed in foul territory and was counted as a scratch.

Run to the polls!

All right folks, it's that time of the week that you can't wait for.

It's that time of the week that you look forward to every dreary Tuesday morning.

It's that time of the week that abruptly puts the rest of your world on pause.

Yes folks, it's time for Peter Hockaday's Weekly Sports poll!

(We'll pause here while the excitement and the unnecessary clapping die down.)

This week's highly anticipated poll question is: Which track and field meet are you most likely to attend?

The options are full of prestigious events so this week's question could be one of the toughest yet.

The possible choices are Sunday's Prefontaine Classic, next week's NCAA Championships, June's U.S.A.

Track and Field Championships and this weekend's state class 3A/4A High School Championships.

To vote, log on to the award-winning Web site, www.dailymerald.com, and click on the sports section. So far, the high school track meet has jumped out to an early lead.

Last week, we asked who should be the Portland Trail Blazers' next head coach. While big-time names such as Magic Johnson and Clyde Drexler were available, you all decided to go with someone a little bit more local.

Former Oregon women's basketball coach Jody Runge, who resigned from her position April 30, gained the largest percentage of votes and was last week's winner. We here on the Emerald sports staff would love to see that happen. Why not?

As for this week, go vote and make your opinion count. As always, you make the call.

What are you waiting for? Go vote.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 22). After you get past the first hurdle, you're faster than the speed of light. A good partner helps you stay on course and keeps you from getting reckless. You're smarter than everyone else put together, but still you can't do it all. If you learn to listen this year, you'll be triumphant.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — The lucky break you've been waiting for is very close at hand. A letter or another form of communication is where you'll find it. Better check the newspapers for coupons, too. You could save a small fortune.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — You'd do just about anything for love, but today you may have to spend more than you'd like. It's not for dinner or dancing. More likely, it's to pay off an old debt. Meanwhile, the excellent impression you're making could lead to increased income.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — You'll be infused with new confidence as the day continues. Odds are good you'll finally solve a puzzle you've been working on, and that doesn't hurt. No need to talk about your new perspective. It'll show.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 5 — If a friend wants to talk, listen. Don't tell a soul what you hear. Part of your power comes from keeping others' secrets safe. They use you as a sounding board, and to solve their own problems. Just keep pouring the tea.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Another meeting is a good idea. Go through your routine one more time. You want everything to be perfect tomorrow and the next day. Odds are good that everything will be. Better plan to get this all on videotape.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 —

Work interferes with your fun again. Might as well get used to it. This will be happening through Thursday at least. An older person simply wants to be served, that's all. Anticipate requests, and you might earn a bonus. More likely, you'll ask for Friday off, and get it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 9 — Others are struggling with one thing or another, but you're got it pretty good. Don't complain if you're a little short on cash. What you lack in money you more than make up for in love.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 5 — A decision you make could cost you, so be careful. If it's something you've wanted for your house, it may be worth the investment. Get the highest quality so that it will last long enough to justify the expense.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Your mate or partner wants to run the show and wants you to do all the work. This may not be fair, but that's OK. It'll even out eventually. Do what's required, and be quick about it. Your partner or mate hates to wait.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 5 — You may not have time for lunch. Better pack a sandwich in your briefcase this morning. It'll be weeks before you have extended time for play.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 9 — A person you've always found fascinating feels mutually. He or she may have started out as just a friend, but the relationship has become so much more than that. Wedding bells, anyone?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 5 — A household project, or a head cold, has you confined to your quarters. Either that, or that's just where you most want to be. That's where you'll do your best work. Your mind should be buzzing with ideas. Don't rush. Sort them into a plan before you take action.

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