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holds any Oregon track records. In his only Olympic appearance in Munich in 1972, he lost the Olympic 5,000 during the last 600 meters.

Still, Pre's legend lives on outside the pages of the record books. There have been two movies, a book, the two memorial races and a running path dedicated to his memory.

Jordan said Pre's impact goes well beyond the memories etched in film or print.

"He can live forever in the minds of young people," Jordan said. "The nature of his personality appeals to them, and his attitude of never giving up applies to them."

Oregon freshman javelin standout Sarah Malone said she, too, feels the legend of Prefontaine every time she steps onto Hayward Field.

"It makes you feel like you're part of something special, knowing that he raced here," Malone said. "It's almost like a spiritual connection."

And his death was the most legendary thing of all. Considered one of the great tragedies in Oregon sports history, Prefontaine was killed in a car wreck in the early hours of May 30, 1975. He had been out at a party after winning a race at Hayward Field earlier that day, and police reports indicated his system contained alcohol.

Today, there remains a memorial at the site of the crash, with an inscribed message and a plaque.

Today, Steve Prefontaine still touches those associated with Oregon track and field in indescribable ways.

And today, Pre's popularity appears to be gaining speed, with no apparent finish line in sight.

Tae Kwon Do

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arts experience.

"I did karate for about three weeks when I was eight," Wallace said. "But I came here and I realized I could do it pretty easily. It came naturally."

Despite entering just one competition — at which he was disqualified for a bloody nose — Wallace placed first in the heavyweight division of his belt group at a Portland State University tournament last month, qualifying him for the U.S. National Tae Kwon Do Championships, a precursor to the Olympic Trials.

"I really didn't have any notions of winning [to advance to the nationals]," Wallace said. "I was the lightest guy in the heavyweight division."

But being too light won't be a problem for Wallace in Cleveland. In fact, he will likely be one of the

heaviest competitors in his division at the national championships, which structures its weight classes a little differently.

I am just blown away that I get to go to the national championships. It's going to be a lot of fun.

Andy Wallace
freshman,
Tae Kwon Do

Wallace said the maximum weight for his group is 177 pounds, putting him at the upper reach of that division.

"That should be a pretty good advantage for me," he said.

Wallace is traveling to Cleveland with the state's club team, which is ranked 10th in the country.

"I'm kind of going on my own,

with a group that I don't really know," Wallace said. "But that might make it easier to get into that fighting mentality."

Nobody is putting any pressure on the freshman this weekend, though.

"At his skill level, there is a strong possibility of placing," King said. "But I have no expectations for him."

"We're hoping he learns something from this experience," team coordinator and black belt Steve Mah said. "Then when he comes back, he can share what he's learned with everyone else."

While Tae Kwon Do recently became an Olympic sport, Wallace said he has not made it a priority to reach international fame, only to have fun.

He said he will stick with the sport and try to earn his black belt, which usually takes about three years.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 23). You have energy, brains and luck. Add structure and discipline, and get a good coach. You are Olympic material, but will you win? Can you play by the rules? Can you push yourself hard? Can you do what you're told? If so, yes. Go for the gold!
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 a 9 — Others will be amazed by your sparkling wit, lightning-fast reflexes and dazzling smile. No need to go chasing all over town after what you want. Just say the word, and it will come to you.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 5 — Conditions are excellent for reviewing your budget and finding a way to put more into savings. If you're worrying about making ends meet, relax. You can do that, too. It's all a question of how much research you want to put into this project.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 9 — You have superhuman powers now. Your influence is far greater than before, and greater than you probably realize. If you could be king or queen of the world for a day or two, what would you do? Just don't spend all day thinking about it.
CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 4 — It's your turn to carry the weight of the world on your shoulders. It would sure be easier if it would just hold still. You've got so many wiggly thoughts in your mind, there's hardly room for you. Relax. It will get easier tomorrow.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — Your team takes your full attention. It's a challenge, but it's also a lot of fun. They look to you for direction, then argue. A combination of strict rules and good reasons will keep them in line. Be sure to keep them focused on the goal.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 — There's a gathering of generals nearby. Your best bet is to keep a low profile. Provide whatever is needed before it's requested, and otherwise stay invisible. It shouldn't be difficult. They're so busy arguing with each other, they won't notice much else.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 10 — Adding your unique talents to the conditions already in effect leads to the winning combination. You can see clearly when others are confused. You can manage the conversation and make sure the results are produced. You look marvelous! Accept the well-deserved compliments.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 3 — Take it slow and easy. Put a stop to the spending until you figure out how much you've got left. Don't authorize new expenditures for toys, and don't let anybody go shopping with your credit cards — not even you.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — There's a bit of a tug-of-war today, but either way you win. Your partner wants to take full control of the situation. You want to make sure your interests are protected. The final outcome is in your favor. You reach it by empowering your partner.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 4 — You have more than your fair share of the work. Complaining won't do much good, but delegating might. Some chores you'll have to do yourself, but friends can help with others. Give away as much as you can now, and more tomorrow. Hire people to get it done. You can afford it.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 9 — You may have to call in and ask for a personal day. You're in much too good a mood to work. Are you on your honeymoon, or just planning one? Doesn't look like you get far from home. You have a short visit with friends, and then you're back to the one you love best.
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