

SHOT PUT: 1-John Van Reenen, WSU, 61-2; 2-Pete Shmock, Oregon, 57-9;
3-Mike Williams, Oregon, 56-9.

LONG JUMP: 1-Tom Smith, Oregon, 24-8 3/4; 2-Bouncy Moore, Oregon,
24-4 1/2; 3-Norbert Payton, WSU, 23-10 3/4. (all marks wind aided).

JAVELIN: 1-Mac Wilkins, Oregon, 241-3; 2-Stu Hunnings, WSU, 225-6; 3-
Mark Richardson, Oregon, 219-1.

3,000-METER STEEPLECHASE: 1-Tom Morrow, Oregon, 9:05.8 (NEW MEET RECORD,
old meet record, 9:21.9, Larry Almborg, WSU, 1969); 2-Graham Hutchison, WSU, 9:12.5;
3-Guy Faust, Oregon, 9:20.6.

440-RELAY: 1-Oregon (Steve McArthur, Mike Ferguson, Albert Hearvey, Doug
Chapman), 41.2 (TIES MEET RECORD held by WSU, Park Eng, Steve Hoover, Fory Walter,
Larry Scheurer, 1969). 2-WSU, no time.

MILE: 1-Roscoe Divine, Oregon, 4:01.8 (NEW MEET RECORD, old meet record,
4:02.5, Dyrol Burleson, Oregon, 1962); 2-Rick Riley, WSU, 4:02.8; 3-Jim Gorman, 4:08.8.

TRIPLE JUMP: 1-Warren Chen Shui, Oregon, 47-9 3/4; 2-Ivars Dravinskis, WSU,
47-9; 3-Phil Wash, WSU, 47-0 1/2. (all marks wind aided).

120-HH: 1-Dick Olsen, WSU, 14.2; 2-Myron Johnson, Oregon, 14.3; 3-Reggie
Macklin, WSU, 14.9.

440: 1-Weldon Vance, Oregon, 47.7 (NEW MEET RECORD, old meet record, 47.9,
Larry Scheurer, WSU, 1968); 2-Brock Aynsley, WSU, 48.0; 3-Larry Barton, WSU, 48.4.

POLE VAULT: 1-Jack Ernst, WSU, 15-6 (won on fewer misses); 2-Allen Paz,
Oregon, 15-6; 3-Gerald Hermanson, WSU, 14-6 (on fewer misses over Terry Cook, Oregon).

100: 1-Dave Rorem, WSU, 9.7; 2-Albert Hearvey, Oregon, 9.7; 3-Fory
Walter, WSU, 9.8.

HIGH JUMP: 1-Jim Voss, WSU, 6-10 (won on fewer misses); 2-Marty Hill, Oregon,
6-10; 3-Peter Wright, WSU, 6-7 (on fewer misses).

DISCUS: 1-John Van Reenen, WSU, 193-7 (NEW MEET RECORD, old meet record,
187-10, John Van Reenen, WSU, 1969); 2-Zig Strauts, Oregon, 168-2; 3-Mike Williams,
Oregon, 165-5 1/2.

440-INTERMEDIATE HURDLES: 1-Myron Johnson, Oregon, 53.1; 2-Dick Olsen, WSU,
53.1; 3-Tie between Jim Gorman, Oregon, and Reggie Macklin, WSU, 55.6.

880: 1-Art Sandison, WSU, 1:51.2; 2-Wes Smylie, Oregon, 1:52.6; 3-Dave Fox,
WSU, 1:57.1.

220: 1-Albert Hearvey, Oregon, 21.3; 2-Dave Rorem, 21.5; 3-Larry Scheurer, 21.7.

3-MILE: 1-Steve Prefontaine, 13:12.8 (NEW MEET, HAYWARD FIELD & OREGON RECORD,
first time run for meet record, old Hayward Field record, 13:32.2, Arne Kvalheim, 1969;
old Oregon record, 13:14.6); 2-Steve Savage, Oregon, 13:50.0; 3-Mike Lyons, Oregon, ~~13~~
13:56.0.

MILE RELAY: 1-WSU (Fitzgerald, Aynsley, Barton, Sandison), 3:39.8; 2-Oregon,
3:39.6.

FINAL SCORE: OREGON 83 1/2, Washington State 70 1/2. ATTENDANCE: 6,200 (est).

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First over Cougs in 3 years

Prefontaine's brilliant run highlights Oregon victory

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Sometimes a man can find himself a challenge just by reading the newspaper.

Especially if your name is Steve Prefontaine, you're an ambitious freshman distance runner for the University of Oregon, and you happen to notice in the Saturday morning newspaper that, halfway across the country at the Drake Relays the day before, a Floridian named Jack Bachelor ran three miles in 13:13.4—merely the fastest three-mile clocking of the season.

To the average man, such a feat inspires awe, not emulation. But Prefontaine is not the average man. Nor even the average good college distance runner.

All of which became obvious Saturday afternoon at Hayward Field as Prefontaine ran through the rain to a three-mile victory in 13:12.8—faster than any American in two years.

His sensational performance was the highlight of the afternoon as Oregon's Webfoots, helped by a key victory in the 440-yard relay, defeated Washington State for the first time in three years in a Pacific-8 dual track meet, 83½ to 70½.

"A great run," said Duck Coach Bill Bowerman. "I didn't

realize he was capable of running that fast on that bad a day. On a good day? Yes."

And it was a bad day—windy (part of the time), chilly (temperatures in the 40s), and rainy (most of the time, occasionally coming down in sheets). Oh, there were a few short bursts of sunshine, but they served mainly to remind the estimated crowd of 6,200 fans how bad it was the rest of the time.

The spectators who braved these elements to see a close Duck-Cougar confrontation got what they came for, plus the unexpected bonus of seeing Prefontaine run the fastest three miles ever run on Hayward Field, and the fastest three miles by a Duck anywhere, anytime.

They scented that something special was in the making when Pre ripped off a 63-second opening lap, then followed it with two 65s and a 64 enroute to a 4:17 first mile. That was a sub-13-minute pace.

Washington State's Rick Riley, who earlier had placed second in the mile with an all-time best of 4:02.8, shadowed Pre for the first mile, dropped back and finally out after another lap. If Riley had any serious original intentions of running the rest of the race (WSU Coach Jack Mooberry said he didn't), he must have been thinking then about discretion being better than valorous self-destruction.

Pre says he feels 'ready for anything'

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Larry Standifer, Oregon's athletic trainer, had a big grin on his face when he returned from taking a warm-up suit out to Steve Prefontaine.

"Do you know what he said when I gave him his stuff?" Standifer chuckled. "He said 'Easiest three-mile I ever ran.'

"What," Standifer mused, "is he going to say when he runs one where he has to work hard?"

The trainer's question was a legitimate one, for "Pre," the fantastic freshman from Coos Bay, had just run three miles in 13:12.8 — merely the fastest three-mile clocking in the world this year and "only" 22.4 seconds away from Australian Ron Clarke's world record of 12:50.4.

Pre's clocking was a new school record, surpassing the 13:14.6 effort by Arne Kvalheim in 1968. Kvalheim did that during an Olympic year in international competition at Oslo, Norway. Prefontaine, by contrast, bettered it in a collegiate dual meet, something practically unheard-of.

After taking a cooling-down victory lap around the track, a grinning Prefontaine ran over to his teammates and said: "That was easy. I'm ready, man. I'm ready to do anything."

In talking with sportswriters, Prefontaine said he had only wanted to go out and run hard and see how he felt, sort of playing it by ear.

But when questioned more closely, Pre admitted he had read about the 13:13.4 effort by Jack Bachelor of the Florida Track Club at the Drake Relays Friday — and he wanted to do better than that, if possible.

"Yeah, that's probably so," he grinned. "I just figured it's time to quit fooling around and get out and do something," he said.

What left him encouraged was the relative ease with which he had accomplished the feat. "That wasn't an all-out effort,"

he said. "With three laps left to go, I felt like doing it in 62s (62-second laps). I wished there was somebody in front of me setting the pace."

Thus, a question was raised: If Prefontaine can run three miles in 13:12.8, very fast even by international standards, and call it "easy" and not "all-out," just what are this young man's limits?

"Who knows?" replied Oregon Track Coach Bill Bowerman. "But on a good day, he should go under 13 minutes." Bowerman noted that Prefontaine ran into a headwind for part of each lap Saturday. And a dozen doses of headwind will, overall, hold a runner back somewhat.

Other Oregon-Washington State dual meet sidelights:

● Oregon high jumper Marty Hill — equaling his lifetime best of 6-10 in placing second — was wearing new shoes made for him during the week by Bowerman. The new footgear had a non-skid sole, to eliminate slippage on a wet surface — the problem that bothered Hill the previous week when he failed to clear the opening height against UCLA.

● Spectators booed starter Jack Morris and recall starter Al Tarpenning for what appeared to the fans to be an unfair start in the high hurdles, with WSU's Dick Olsen winning and Oregon's Myron Johnson, left in the blocks, finally taking second. Johnson said his starting blocks gave way when he started. But both Morris and Tarpenning said they did not detect any slippage in the blocks.

"We felt in our own minds that it was a fair start . . . that one fellow just didn't get out of his blocks," Morris said. Duck sophomore Ivory Harris, by the way, wasn't disqualified for false starts; he withdrew because his sore leg was bothering him.

"What a way to celebrate your 19th birthday," Harris said glumly.

Meanwhile, Pre was feeling good. "But after the first mile, I slowed down a little bit . . . I didn't want to go all out and burn myself out," he said. His next four laps: 65, 67, 70 and 66 seconds. All of which brought him to the two-mile mark around 8:45—faster than his 8:46.3 two-mile winning time the previous week against UCLA.

Pre—whose previous best official three-mile was 13:30.6—explained afterward that, in a sense, he was feeling his way. "I wanted to go out and run and just see how I felt . . . I wasn't excited and I just didn't let any pressure get put on me." Thus, at the two-mile mark, he still felt strong. He wasn't fading.

The next two laps were 69s.

And with two laps left, Pre knew he was in range of Bachelor's clocking 24 hours earlier, so he started picking up the pace. He turned the 11th lap in 67 seconds, then began sprinting the final 440 yards as the crowd helped him along with a solid roar. And his eyes were fixed on the running scoreboard clock as he drove hard down the stretch to the tape with a 62-second closing lap.

It was a 1-2-3 sweep as Savage was second in 13:50.0, his all-time best, and Lyons third in 13:56.0. And these were the points that put the Ducks over the top in the dual meet competition. Going into the three-mile, the Ducks owned a 74½-65½ lead, and needed only a second place finish to cinch the team victory.

Actually, the Ducks enjoyed such an advantageous lead at that point because they succeeded in upsetting the form charts — and the favored Cougars — in the 440-yard relay early in the meet. It turned out to be no contest when WSU's Larry Scheurer muffed the final baton exchange from Fory Walter ("He put his wrong hand out, would you believe it?" said John Chaplin, WSU assistant coach) and ran beyond the passing zone. ("Without that relay, we're dead . . . that's the meet," Chaplin said at the time.)

Even without the blown exchange, the Cougars may have had a tough time winning the relay. Albert Hearvey's sizzling third leg gave Doug Chapman a solid lead for the anchor leg and whether Scheurer, not running well because of a sore leg, could have caught him is highly debatable.

Earlier in the week, Bowerman said the Ducks needed to capture one of the relays — or else pick up a bundle of swing points — to win. "And we sure needed a relay, didn't we?" he said afterward. For comfort's sake, yes. The three-mile sweep at the end gave Oregon 78½ points without the 440 relay — but that was only one point over the absolute minimum for victory.

Despite the poor weather, the meet produced five new meet records — four of them by Ducks. Prefontaine's three-mile, of course, was one. Roscoe Divine won the mile in 4:01.8, his best effort of the season, for another. Tom Morrow, rounding into shape, won the steeplechase in 9:05.7 for a third and freshman Weldon Vance won the 440 in 47.7 for the fourth.

John Van Reenen, WSU's 6-7 giant from South Africa and the afternoon's only double winner, broke his own meet record with a 193-7 effort in the discus — but he was disappointed because it was the first time in four weeks he hadn't exceeded 200 feet. Van Reenen also won the shotput at 61-2.

With the team victory decided in the three-mile, Bowerman entered a "second-string" unit in the concluding mile relay. But a taint to the Ducks' victory effort developed when the relay men did not take off their sweat suits to run, and clowned around in the race. Many Duck partisans left muttering about poor sportsmanship.

Bowerman, too, was upset with what he called the "hamming" — and he told the squad about it in a closed meeting afterward. "I told 'em it's bush league . . . bad manners to run like that," said Bowerman, who also apologized to Mooberry.

"Bill really chewed," said one Duck after the meeting.

Next Saturday, the Ducks conclude the Pac-8 dual meet season at Hayward Field against traditional rival Oregon State.



Hair flying at the tape, 'Pre' waves to the crowd afterwards

Webfoot freshman ran the three mile event in 13:12.8 for new school, meet and field records