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Dear Dick:

In regard to the Dec. 12 six mile race you were asking about in our conversation. What it was, in fact, was Oregon's three mile race for the Postal meet, but three runners were timed for six miles. Arne Kvalheim and Dave Wilborn ran 29:13.4 and Mike Manley 30:14.0. Here are the times for Oregon and Oregon Track Club runners over three miles: Steve Prefontaine, UO, 13:25.5; Steve Savage, UO, 13:36.2; Randy James, UO, 13:40.0; Pat Tyson, UO, 13:50.4; Mike Long, OTC, 13:50.5; Rick Ritchie, UO, 13:54.5; Mike Lyons, UO, 13:56.0; Wes Smylie, UO, 13:56.3; Mark Savage, UO, 13:59.1; Knute Kvalheim, OTC, 14:10; Fred Flaherty, UO, 14:13; Bob Rehn, UO, 14:35; Jan McNeale, UO, 15:00; Gary Williams, UO, 15:15.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hal".

Hal Cowan
Sports Information Director

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Sophomore Steve Prefontaine's 13:25.5 clocking for three miles led a University of Oregon team of runners Saturday to an apparent new record in the annual "postal meet" competition co-sponsored by the United States Track & Field Federation and Track & Field News.

The total time for the first five finishers was 68:22.6, bettering the mark of 68:36.8 set Nov. 8 by an Oregon Track Club team led by Arne Kvalheim and Ken Moore, who tied for first in 13:26.2. The OTC team's November effort had broken the 1967 "postal meet" record of 68:56.0 set by an Oregon varsity team.

Following Prefontaine to the finish line were Steve Savage in 13:36.2, freshman Randy James in 13:40.0, Pat Tyson in 13:50.4, and Mike Long, junior college transfer, in 13:50.5.

Altogether, the first nine finishers in the chilly time trials Saturday morning were under 14 minutes. The others were Rick Ritchie, 13:54.5; Mike Lyons, 13:56.0; Wes Smylie, 13:56.3; and Mark Savage, 13:59.1.

In a separate six-mile run for OTC runners, Arne Kvalheim and Dave Wilborn tied for first in 29:20.2.

Nils Emilsson, a freshman from Sweden, won an 880 event in 1:56.2.