

# Pre knocks track rulers

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Star distance runner Steve Prefontaine of the University of Oregon Monday rapped the AAU, the NCAA, the Olympic Games, television and professional track during a meeting of the Southern California track writers.

"I will run only one race in the NCAA track championships," Prefontaine said, "because it is being held in Baton Rouge, La. It appears to me that the members of the committee that selects these sites are thinking of a vacation rather than a meet. It's too darn hot there."

Prefontaine, who set an American record of 27:09.4 in the six-mile run last Saturday in Bakersfield, said he plans to spend most of the summer months running in Europe.

"But I won't go as a mem-

ber of one of the AAU tours," he said.

"The AAU just uses athletes and I've had enough of that.

"The AAU puts you in a motel or a hotel and there's nothing for you to do. I want to have some fun as well as good competition. I want to see some things and do some things."

The talkative Oregon athlete also said he was not looking forward to competing in the 1976 Olympics in Montreal.

"It's three years away," he said. "The Munich Olympics was not a high class event. The conditions were bad."

He also thought the professional track meet here Saturday night left a lot to be desired. However, he said he hoped pro track will succeed and that he could see a future for him as a pro in two or three years.