

But Waldrop steals show with 3:55

Pre lowers 2-mile mark

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SAN DIEGO — Steve Prefontaine got his record; but Tony Waldrop, the sensation of the indoor track circuit, stole the show.

Waldrop, who rose from the also-ran ranks to outrun the cream of America's milers this winter, clocked 3:55-flat — fastest indoor mile ever in the world — in the San Diego Indoor Games Sunday night.

Then Prefontaine, the former University of Oregon star running for the Oregon Track Club, lowered his own American indoor two-mile mark to 8:20.4. Prefontaine's old record was 8:22.2.

THE NIGHT belonged to Waldrop as the North Carolina runner, who has run four straight sub-four-minute miles indoors, bettered the old world indoor mark of 3:56.4 set by Tom O'Hara in 1964 and tied by Jim Ryun in 1970.

Waldrop ran second for the first half-mile as Larry Rose of the Pacific Coast Club set the pace with a 59-second quarter and then 1:59 for the half. Waldrop then took command and he ran the final 440 in 57 to beat runnerup Wilson Waigwa of Kenya, who was clocked in 3:57.2.

Greg Gibson of the University of Washington was third in 3:59.1 while Rose fell to fourth in 4:01.8.

PREFONTAINE turned back the bid of New Zealand's Dick Tayler, Tayler taking second in 8:22.4 while former Washington star Jim Johnson, running for Club Northwest, was timed in 8:29.8.

En route to his two-mile record, Prefontaine set an American 3,000-meter mark with 7:50-flat, 6.6 seconds better than the old standard set by Billy Mills.

Another member of the Oregon

Track Club, Joni Huntley, a 17-year-old from Sheridan High, again cleared six feet in taking high jump.

Miss Huntley, however, had to settle for 6-0, a half-inch under her effort Saturday in Oakland when she became the first American woman ever to clear six indoors or outdoors.

FRANCIE LARRIEU continued her domination of women's indoor distance running by obliterating world standards at 3,000 meters and two miles.

Miss Larrieu, already the indoor record-holder in the mile and 1,500 meters, was timed at 9:02.4 for the 3,000 on the way to a 9:39.4 two-mile, becoming the first woman to break 10 minutes indoors.

Little Mary Decker, the 93-pound 15-year-old from Orange, Calif., knocked more than four seconds

off her pending world indoor mark in the 880 with 2:06. Miss Decker was clocked in 2:01.8 for the slightly shorter distance of 800 meters, breaking that indoor world record, too by Stefka Yordanova of Bulgaria.

PATTY JOHNSON of La Jolla, Calif., equalled her world indoor mark of 7.4 seconds in the 60-yard hurdles.

Unheralded Swedish sprinter Chris Garpenborg surprised a strong field in the 60-yard dash and equalled the listed world indoor record of 5.9 held by 24 runners. However, Herb Washington has a 5.8 time pending.

George Woods won the shot put at 69-7, but the 300-pounder was well below the indoor mark of 72-2¾ he set last week. Outdoor record-holder Al Feuerbach was second at 68-6½.

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