

# Pre places 2nd in 1,500 at Oslo

OSLO (AP) — United States track and field stars broke four stadium records but all world marks survived the first night of the two-day Oslo Invitational Pre-Olympic Meet at Bislett Stadium here Wednesday.

Today's star-studded program could break world records, as the U.S. Olympic 400-meter sprint relay squad is eager to improve the existing standard from the Mexico City Olympics, and a strong 3,000-meter field could break another record.

Americans won four of Wednesday's 10 finals, with George Woods taking the shot, Tom Hill and Robert Taylor winning the high hurdles and the 100-meter dash, and Lee Evans running away with the laurels in the 400 meters.

The Americans also saw disappointments, however, with Steve Prefontaine suffering his first loss in two seasons, being outprinted by Finland's Pekka Vasala in the 1,500 meters, and with Olympic hopefuls being defeated by Russians, Norwegians and an unknown Dutchman in the high jump, broad jump and 5,000 meters.

Highlights of today's meet will be the record bid by Rey Robinson, Robert Taylor, Gerald Tinker and Eddie Hart in the sprint relay, and the 3,000 meters with Prefontaine in a clash with Italy's European 1,500-meter champion Francesco

Arese and Finland's new distance ace, Lasse Viren.

American high jumpers bowed to Russia's Tarmak who cleared 7-foot-3 while Ron Jourdan had to settle for 7-2 $\frac{1}{4}$  after he stretched a leg muscle and had to withdraw from further tries.

Chris Dunn, Dwight Stones and Barry Schur all looked short of international experience and delivered mediocre performances, as did broad jumpers Arnie Robinson and Preston Carrington, who were defeated by Norway's own Finn Bendixen, a UCLA student who won with 25-6 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

Jos Hermens, an unknown Dutchman, won the 5,000 meters ahead of a number of American distance men, but Prefontaine — No. 1 on the U.S. Munich team for the distance — preferred the 1,500 in preparation for today's 3,000 meters world record bit.

In qualifying heats for today's 400-meter intermediate hurdles finals, Americans James Seymour and Dick Bruggemann easily qualified, together with Uganda's John Akii-Bua and Russians Evgeny Gavrilenko, Victor Sawchenko and Yuri Sorin.

Ralph Mann, the fastest American for the distance, was outclassed in the 400 meters flat in a qualifying heat, but he did not extend himself.