

Pre's 8:26.4 3,000 meters 'not bad'

MADRAS — "For an old man, it was not too bad," Steve Prefontaine said of his victory in the 3,000-meter run for the all-star track meet here Sunday that he helped organize.

The meet was the first in a five-stop Northwest tour involving a troupe of Finnish track and field stars. Prefontaine conceived the idea of bringing the Finns to the Northwest for the cultural exchange tour.

The next stop will be Friday in Coos Bay. Then the tour goes on to Vancouver, B.C. and Seattle before the final stop May 29 in Eugene.

Pre made a cat-and-mouse game of the 3,000 meters in Sunday's meet, deferring to Mike Manley of the Oregon Track Club in the early going. However, Pre had an unshakable lead before the halfway point of the race had been reached.

"I just decided to quit playing around," he said. "I think I'm still a little flat from the 10,000 meters last week."

He ran a world's best 28:09 for the year last week. His winning time here was 8:26.4. Rune Holmen of Finland was second at 8:29.4, and Manley was third at 8:30.3.

Pre's time was well off his American record of 7:42.6 for the 3,000.

Sunday's meet was marred by strong winds and bitter cold that held the crowd to about 600, far below the 2,000 Prefontaine had hoped for. He said that at least 1,500 spectators were needed to make the meet a financial success. (The gate was to help defray expenses although the University of Oregon is paying the major portion of the Finns' transportation bill.)

"As far as the crowd goes, that was due to the weather," Pre said. "The people that were here saw the best track and field east of the mountains. When you can see that, you know what you're doing is right.

"I don't know if we can ever come

here again, but we'd like to if we could make it financially," Pre continued.

Perhaps the most excitement of the meet was generated by the efforts of Finland's Antti Kalliomaki, the 1975 European indoor pole vault champion.

Battling winds that several times blew the crossbar down before he could vault, Kalliomaki — without competition — approached his personal best of 17-11½ but was thwarted in an attempt to vault 18-1. He cleared 17-9¼.

Another Finn to win an event was Pentti Kahma in the discus, with a 197-11 throw. Mac Wilkins of the Oregon Track Club was second at 194-10. Throwing unattached, Tim Vollmer was well back at 171-8.

Oregon game set back

The University of Oregon's non-conference baseball game with Lewis & Clark scheduled for Portland today was postponed until Thursday because the Pioneers had to make up a league game with Linfield.

The game will now be played at Skavone Field in Portland Thursday at 3 p.m., while the Ducks are scheduled to be in Portland Tuesday for a single game against Portland State, with Greg Richards (2-3) pitching for the Ducks.

Fred Luke of Club Northwest had a national best throw of 272-1¼ in the javelin. His throw was almost 30 feet greater than that of second place Jorma Jaakola of Finland, who threw 242-7.

JAVELIN — 1, Fred Luke, Club Northwest, 272-1¼. 2, Jorma Jaakola, Finland, 242-7. 3, Bruce Dow, unat, 236-3¼. 4, John Baehr, Central Oregon CC, 227-1. 5, Lance Wright, Central Oregon CC, 208-10¼. 6, Dennis Durham, UO, 205-11.

100 — 1, Raimo Vilen, Finland, 9.7. 2, Ross Blackman, unat, 9.75.

POLE VAULT — 1, Antti Kalliomaki, Finland, 17-9¼. (No other competition).

MILE — 1, Peter Spir, UO, 4:20.9. 2, Cliff Rees, unat, 4:21.0. 3, Terry Williams, UO, 4:23.2. 4, Dave Taylor, UO, 4:34.8. 5, Mike Grover, UO, 4:36.0. 6, Larry Hurst, UO, 4:39.0.

DISCUS — 1, Pentti Kahma, Finland, 197-11. 2, Mac Wilkins, OTC, 194-10. 3, Tim Vollmer, unat, 171-8. 4 (tie), Howard Banich, UO, and Ray Burton, UO, 168-3½. 6, Dave Voorhees, UO, 166-8½. 7, Jim Miller, unat, 163-8.

800 — 1, Steve Bence, UO, 1:54.9. 2, Art Sandison, Club Northwest, 1:55.2. 3, Gary Selvers, UO, 1:55.3. 4, Mark Feig, UO, 1:55.7. 5, Jim Gorman, OTC, 1:57.2. 6, Bruce Arnold, unat, 1:58.5. 7, Mike McBride, UO, 1:59.5. 8, Paul Riley, unat, 2:03.9.

LONG JUMP — 1, Pirkko Helenius, Finland, 20-10¼. (No other competition).

3,000 METERS — 1, Steve Prefontaine, OTC, 8:26.4. 2, Rune Holmen, Finland, 8:29.4. 3, Mike Manley, OTC, 8:30.3. 4, Matt Centrowitz, unat, 8:32.0. 5, Damien Koch, OTC, 8:37.0. 6, Jon Anderson, OTC, 8:39.4. 7, Lars Kaupang, UO, 8:41.0. 8, Ole Christianissen, unat, 9:03.5. 9, Ray Hatton, OTC, 9:20.3.

THREE MILE — 1, Tom McChesney, UO, 14:52.4. 2, Bob Hensley, UO, 14:55.7. 3, Don Beckwith, unat, 15:05.6. 4, Bob Smith, UO, 15:09.3. 5, Tom Heinonen, unat, 15:14.6. 6, Stan Atkins, unat, 15:18.2.