

Pre ran three-mile according to plan

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SEATTLE — Track quotebook (sights and sounds from Saturdays finals of the NCAA track and field championships):

● There was a gasp from the crowd of 12,650 in the University of Washington Stadium when, in the midst of the three-mile run, a photographer darted across the track on a seeming collision course with the leading Steve Prefontaine of Oregon.

The photographer was obviously intent on getting to the awards stand for some picture taking, but it seemed for a moment that Pre might run over him . . . Fortunately the photographer was faster on his feet than he looked and made it across the track . . . Pre, later, said he didn't even see the photog crossing in front of him . . .

After leading in the three-mile for seven laps, Pre moved to the second lane and "invited" Greg Fredericks of Penn State, right behind him, to take the lead. Fredericks accepted and Pre followed the Easterner for a lap, but Fredericks let the pace slow . . . so Pre reclaimed the lead, picked up the pace, and by the start of the final lap had a 60-yard lead.

It was all according to plan, Pre said. "Someone told me he has a good sprint and that's why I threw in some fast laps, to see how much of a sprint he would have left. That's the first race he's lost this year."

Pre "coasted" the final lap in 67 seconds, waving once to the crowd down the final stretch.

"I had it won, so why extend yourself," Pre explained. Especially with the AAU meet next weekend . . .

Pre had a complaint, too.

"The people didn't do what

they should have done and what my coach told them they should have done the last time we competed here. They didn't water down the track. That was wrong because it was very hot on the track . . . that black color just radiates the heat and it was very uncomfortable to run on. It must have been 160 or 170 degrees on that track. My feet are in bad shape after that . . ."

● UCLA coach Jim Bush, when the Bruin team victory was certain:

"I'm so nervous I don't even know how to spell my own name." As he said it, he was autographing somebody's program.

Added Bush:

"The SC loss (75-70 in the dual meet in May) was probably the greatest thing to happen to this team. It got us fired up. Our performance in the Pac-8 meet was actually better than in this one. Look at all the schools who had bad luck. We didn't have as much bad luck and maybe a little more desire than the others."

● Sid Sink, the 5-10, 142-pound senior from Bowling Green who successfully defended his steeplechase crown, ran two races Thursday — the steeplechase trials and the three-mile trials.

And then he had a day of "rest" Friday, going out for an easy seven-mile run.

"Rest means no races," he said.

On his steeplechase victory Saturday:

"It was great win for me. The time really felt great. I planned on staying with Liebenberg, that was my strategy. But then I dropped back to fourth in the middle as I just wasn't feeling real good. It was the sixth lap

when I regained my momentum, and pulled it out then."

● Oregon's Steve Savage, runnerup to Sink in the steeplechase:

"I was so concerned with Liebenberg, I didn't think Sink was in on it. He surprised us both since he had run two trials on Thursday . . . I keyed on the wrong man (Liebenberg) . . . When Sink passed me on the backstretch, I didn't even know he was that close. I looked back over my left shoulder to see where he was and he went by me on the right . . ."

● Marty Liquori of Villanova had pre-race expectations of a four-minute mile.

"With the weather this nice and this field so good, I felt it would have to be under four minutes. I was so badly boxed in sixth or seventh place I didn't see Munson go out 10 yards out in front until I got out to fourth place. He almost slipped away."

Liquori said he plans to run the mile in the AAU meet, although he had earlier considered the three-mile "because I think it might be the greatest three-mile field in history. But I

really have to run the mile if I want to go to the Pan American games."

As for running at Eugene, Liquori said with a smile, "I'm looking forward to it. The crowd there is always good for another second or two of time."

● The NCAA track and field rules committee and the meet committee recommended that the 1973 NCAA meet be held at Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, La. The 1972 meet, of course, is scheduled for the University of Oregon in Eugene.

NCAA track results

Discus

1, Mike Louisiana, Brigham Young, 194-10. 2, Fred Debernardi, Texas-El Paso, 193-11. 3, Zdravko Pecar, BYU, 183-3. 4, Karl Salb, Kansas, 183-2. 5, Mark Ostoich, UCLA, 179-8. 6, Joe Antunovich, USC, 178-2.

Javelin

1, Cary Feldmann, Washington, 259-0. 2, Mark Murro, Arizona State, 257-1. 3, John Bacon, Maryland, 252-2. 4, Sam Colson, Kansas, 249-4. 5, Robert Kouvolu, Pittsburgh, 242-10. 6, Ed Moreland, Kansas State, 240-0.

High Jump

1, Reynaldo Brown, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, 7-3 (Bettors meet record of 7-2½ set by Dick Fosbury of Oregon State in 1969). 2, (tie), Lorenzo Allen, Arizona; Larry Hollins, Southern Cal; and Tim Heikila, Minnesota, 7-0. 5, Pat Matzorf, Wisconsin, 7-0. 6, John Mann, Michigan, 7-0.

Triple Jump

1, Mohinder Gill, Cal Poly, 54-8½ (wind aided). 2, Barry McClure, Middle Tennessee State, 53-8¾ (wind aided). 3, Denny Rogers, UCLA, 53-7½ (Bettors meet record of 53-1¼ set by Lennox Burgher of Nebraska in 1968). 4, James Butts, UCLA, 53-3¼ (wind aided). 5, Robert Reader, Oregon State, 52-6. 6, Larry Vanley, Texas-El Paso, 51-4¾.

Pole Vault

1, Dave Roberts, Rice, 17-6½. 2, Francois Trancanelli, UCLA, 17-0. 3, Tom Craig, Oklahoma, 16-6. 4, Bob Richards Jr., San Jose State, 16-6. 5, Vic Dias, San Jose State, 16-6. 6, Tom Blair, Pennsylvania, 16-6.

440 Intermediate Hurdles

1, Ralph Mann, BYU, 49.6. 2, Melvin Bassett, North Carolina Central, 50.3. 3, Jim Bolding, Oklahoma State, 50.3. 4, Jim Seymour, Washington, 50.7. 5, Wayne Hartwick, Michigan State, 51.4. 6, Mike Cronholm, Rice, 51.6.

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1, Larry Black, North Carolina Central, 20.5. 2, George Daniels, Colorado, 20.9. 3, Eddie Hart, California, 20.9. 4, Mike Goodrich, Indiana, 21.4. Jimmie Harris, San Francisco State, 21.0. 6, Mike Miller, Indiana, 21.1.

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1, John Smith, UCLA, 45.3. 2, Edesel Garrison, Southern Cal., 45.4. 3, Darwin Bond, Tennessee, 46.0. 4, Wayne Collett, UCLA, 46.2. 5, Dave Alexander, Kansas State, 46.2. 6, Tommie Turner, Murray State, 46.5.

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1, Mark Winzenried, Wisconsin, 1:48.8. 2, Rich Brown, California, 1:49.5. 3, Ronnie Phillips, Illinois, 1:49.5. 4, Marcel Philippe, Fordham, 1:49.7. 5, Jay Fabian, Ashland, 1:49.6. 6, Greg Jones, Texas-El Paso, 1:49.8.

Mile

1, Marty Liquori, Villanova, 3:57.6. (Bettors meet record of 3:57.7 set by Liquori in 1969). 2, Bob Wheeler, Duke, 3:59.9. 3, Keith Munson, Oregon State, 4:00.7. 4, Chris Mason, Villanova, 4:01.2. 5, Greg Carlberg, Nebraska, 4:01.2. 6, Hector Ortiz, Western Kentucky, 4:01.4.

3,000-Meter Steeplechase

1, Sid Sink, Bowling Green, 8:30.9 (Bettors NCAA record of 8:32.2 set by

Jerome Liebenberg of Western Michigan in 1971 and meet record of 8:41.0 by Sink in 1970). 2, Steve Savage, Oregon, 8:33.9. 3, Jerome Liebenberg, Western Michigan, 8:37. 4, Don Timm, Minnesota, 8:39.0. 5, Ken Silvious, Eastern Kentucky, 8:49.9. 6, Joseph Lucas, Georgetown, 8:51.3.

Three-Mile

1, Steve Prefontaine, Oregon, 13:20.1. (Bettors meet record of 13:22.0 set by Prefontaine in 1970). 2, Greg Fredericks, Penn State, 13:28.0. 3, Leonard Hilton, Houston, 13:31.6. 4, Gordon Minty, Eastern Michigan, 13:39.7. 5, Sid Sink, Bowling Green, 13:42.1. 6, Richard Reid, Brigham Young, 13:46.4.

440 Relay

1, Southern California (Lance Babb, Edesel Garrison, Leon Brown, Willie Deckard), 39.5. 2, Long Beach State, 40.9. 3, Indiana, 40.1. 4, Oregon, 40.5. 5, Kansas, 40.5. 6, Ohio State, 41.0.

Mile Relay

1, UCLA (Warren Edmonson, Reggie Echols, John Smith, Wayne Collett), 3:04.4. 2, Adelphi, 3:05.9. 3, Oregon, 3:06.4. 4, Tennessee, 3:07.9. 5, Abilene Christian, 3:08.7. 6, Rice, 3:09.2.

Team

UCLA 52, Southern Cal 41, Oregon 38, Brigham Young 35, Kansas 27, Texas-El Paso 26, California 22, Minnesota 20, Kent State 18, Ohio State 17, Tennessee 16, Villanova 14, Washington 14, Bowling Green 12, Rice 12, San Jose State 12, Wisconsin 12, Indiana 11, Colorado 9, Duke 9, Pennsylvania 9, Arizona State 8, Long Beach State 8, Middle Tennessee State 8, Oregon State 8, Penn State 8, SMU 8, Western Michigan 7, Arizona 6, Houston 6, Illinois 6, Maryland 6, Oklahoma State 6, Oklahoma 6, Connecticut 5, Fordham 5, Kentucky 5, Northwestern 5, Pittsburgh 4, San Diego State 4, Utah 4, Washington State 4, Kansas State 3, Abilene Christian 2, Army 2, Los Angeles State 2, Eastern Kentucky 2, Michigan State 2, Nebraska 2, Northern Arizona 2, Dartmouth 1, Georgetown 1, Michigan 1, Murray State 1, Princeton 1, Western Kentucky 1, Wichita State 1.