



# Flying Dutchman Clears 15' 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ " In Record Climb

## Champion Actually Goes Over 15 Feet 10 Inches In New Sky Soaring Effort

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MODESTO, May 23.—(AP)—Lean, limber Cornelius Warmerdam, king of pole vaulters, set a new unofficial world's record tonight with a mark of 15 feet 7 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches in the Northern California Relays.

While some 3,000 fans looked on, "The Flying Dutchman" boosted the ceiling of his specialty to a new outdoor high on his third and last try.

Officials said he cleared close to 15 feet 10 inches as he sailed over to a thunderous ovation from the crowd. He did not get a chance to try to increase the record to 16 feet, a goal he has aimed at this year.

### Break Bar To Bits

Enthusiastic spectators poured from the stands and broke the bar into bits for souvenirs. It was the last cross bar on hand.

Warmerdam wrote a new page in his vaulting career with the remarkable jump. He cracked his own unofficial outdoor record of 15 feet, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches, set less than a month ago at Berkeley. It was the twenty-fourth time he had cleared 15 feet or more. No other athlete in history has raised himself five yards up in the air with the aid of a pole.

The Piedmont High School teacher also holds the American indoor record of 15 feet, 7 $\frac{1}{4}$  inches, set last January in Boston.

### Holds Up Record Trial

An unfortunate incident held up Warmerdam's record trial. One of the contestants in the early vaulting cracked a cross bar and came down so heavily on it the bar cracked off a steel peg on one of the standards.

Time was taken out while the standard was welded in the machine shop adjoining the Modesto Junior College field. Meanwhile Warmerdam sat around and cooled off.

He cleared 13 feet, 6 inches; 14 feet; 14 feet, 8 inches and 15 feet, 5 inches respectively on first trials. Twice he failed at the new record high. On the third try he soared over with inches to spare.

Referee Charles Hunter and his assistants had measured the high at 15 feet, 8 inches before Warmerdam cleared it.

### Bar Is Knocked Off

After he had picked himself up from the sandst pit on the record vault and had walked away, an attendant at one of the standards rushed to congratulate Warmerdam. His extended arm hooked the standard and jugged off the cross bar, when it was replaced, and remeasured, it was found that one quarter of an inch had been lost in sag.

Consequently, although he actually cleared 15 feet, 8 inches over, Warmerdam received credit for a vault a fraction under that high.

Warmerdam represented the San Francisco Olympic Club.

### Sacramento Wins

Sacramento won the junior college team championship with a total of 73 points. Santa Rosa was second with 28. Other points were distributed as follows:

San Jose freshmen and Modesto tied with 20; Reedley, 18; Fresno State freshmen, 8; Stockton, 6; San Mateo, 3.

University of California's teams won the title in the abbreviated open class competition with 28 points. Standard took second with 17; San Jose tallied 12; Olympic Club, 6; Reedley, 5; Fresno, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Stockton Air Base, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Sacramento, 1; Modesto, 1.

Pole vault, open class—Won by the overdog, San Francisco Olympic Club (15 feet, 7 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches); second, Modesto, California (14 feet); third, Park, Berkeley (13 feet, 8 inches); fourth, Crescent, California (13 feet, 8 inches). (New unofficial outdoor world's record. The record 15 feet, 4 $\frac{1}{4}$  inches by Warmerdam in Berkeley, May 2, 1942).

100-yard, junior college class—Won by Ed. Stockton (1:17 feet); second, Ross, Fresno State freshmen (1:22 feet); third, Dallas, Sacramento (1:26 feet). No fourth.

100-yard, open class—Won by California (1:20 feet); second, Stevens, Eureka. Time 1:21.7. No other teams entered.

100-yard, junior college class—Won by Sacramento (Frank, O'Kelly, Walter, LaBelle); second, Stockton; third, Santa Rosa. No fourth. Time 1:20.4.

100-yard, open class—Won by San Jose freshmen (Bower, Scott, Tread, Leggett); second, Modesto. (No other teams entered). Time 1:11.06.

100-yard, junior college class—Won by Kaiser, Sacramento; second, 1:11.06.

llams, Reedley; third, Bingham, Sacramento; fourth, O'Meara, Santa Rosa. Time, 10 seconds flat.

Shotput, junior college class—Won by Schopp, Sacramento (46 feet, 9 inches); second, Steele, Santa Rosa (46 feet, 3 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches); third, Greenwell, Santa Rosa (45 feet, 2 inches); fourth, Batiste, Sacramento (44 feet, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches).

High jump, junior college class—Won by Henry Caldwell, Fresno State freshman (6 feet, 2 inches); second, Merritt, Modesto (6 feet, 1 inch); third, Ghilotti, Modesto (6 feet); fourth, Brase, Reedley (5 feet, 11 inches).

440 yard relay, junior college class—Won by Sacramento (Batiste, Bingham, Couch, Kaiser); second, Reedley; third, Santa Rosa. (No fourth place.) Time, 42.3 seconds. (Better official record of 42.4 seconds set in 1936 by Pasadena Junior College.)

Broad jump, open class—Won by Steele, San Jose State freshman (24 feet, 5 inches); second, Corbett, San Francisco Olympic Club (24 feet, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  inches); third, Miller, Fresno State freshman (22 feet, 8 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches); fourth, Rhoades, California (21 feet  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch).

100 yard dash, open class—Won by Rhoades, California; second, Shipnuck, California; third, Finck, California; fourth, Ruiz, San Jose State. Time, 9.8 seconds.

One mile run, open class—Won by Dewey, California; second, Cripe, Stanford; third, McCampbell, California; fourth, Littlefield, Sacramento. Time, 4:28.6.

Javelin, junior college class—Won by Roberts, San Jose State freshman (185 feet, 1 inch); second, Ferdinandson, Reedley J. C. (172 feet, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches); third, Cooley, San Jose State (165 feet, 5 inches); fourth, Johnson, Modesto J. C. (152 feet, 6 inches). (No fourth place.)

Shotput, open class—Won by Minini, San Jose State (49 feet, 9 $\frac{1}{4}$  inches); second, Lamoure, Fresno State (45 feet, 11 $\frac{1}{4}$  inches); third, Schopp, Sacramento JC (45 feet, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches); fourth, Greenwell, Santa Rosa (44 feet, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches).

120 yard high hurdles, open class—Won by Angelich, California; second, Cowles, San Jose State freshman; third, Neilsen, Stanford; fourth, Moore, San Francisco Olympic Club. Time, 14.9 seconds.

120 yard high hurdles, junior college class—Won by Batiste, Sacramento; second, O'Kelly, Sacramento; third, Shaffer, Modesto; fourth, Winslow, Santa Rosa. Time, 14.9 seconds.

880 yard relay, junior college class—Won by Sacramento (Bingham, Batiste, Couch, Kaiser); second, Reedley; third, Santa Rosa. No fourth. Time, 1:30.7.

Pole vault, junior college class—Won by Overhouse, Sacramento (13 feet, 6 inches); second, Johnson, Modesto (13 feet); third, Moore, Santa Rosa (12 feet, 6 inches). No fourth.

High jump, open class—Smith, Stanford (6 feet, 2 $\frac{5}{8}$  inches); tie for second between Marshall, Stockton Army Air Base, and Caldwell, Fresno State freshman (6 feet, 1 $\frac{3}{8}$  inches). No fourth.

220 yard low hurdles, open class—Won by Reiss, Stanford; second, Nielsen, Stanford; third, Veregge, San Jose State; fourth, Moore, San Francisco Olympic Club. Time, 24.4 seconds.

Broad jump, junior college class—Won by Steele, San Jose State freshman (23 feet, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches); second, Miller, Fresno State freshman (23 feet, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  inches); third, Birmingham, Sacramento (22 feet, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  inches); fourth, Williams, Reedley (22 feet, 4 $\frac{1}{4}$  inches).