

Colt Soars 13 Feet, but Bumps Bar

**False Start Costs
Prep Ace Chance**

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Fletcher Gilders, Northwest High School's most versatile athlete, had no alibi for failing to set a national interscholastic indoor pole vault record Thursday in his home gym.

Most officials, and the 500 students who witnessed his attempt to soar higher than any school-

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THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Northwestern 44, Central 37
Southeastern 34, Northern 33
Eastern 29, West Tech 29½
Miller 16, DeWitt 17
Southwestern 21, Wicksdale 23
Northeastern at Frasing (rescheduled).

WEDDAY'S MEETS

Redford at Central, 3:30 p. m.

boy star blamed a combination of circumstances, and not Gilbert's lack of ability.

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THE TOW-HEADED senior moved along through the early stages in his record-shattering attempt with flawless ease.

There was plenty of daylight between Gilders and the bar when he slipped over 13 feet 8 inches. Everyone was certain that the record was in sight.

The bar was raised to 13 feet by Paul Berndt, the meet's starter and referee.

Fletcher swung high on his first attempt but nicked the bar with his hand as he descended. He had a choice under NIAA rules to take two more jumps at 13 feet or go directly for the record.

COACH Jimmy Russell and Gilders decided to shoot for the mark of 13 feet 2 inches established by a Gary (Ind.) trackman in 1950.

On his next attempt Gilders lost his stride and didn't even leave the floor.

Cool until this point he was upset by the false start, but his final leap was a great effort although unsuccessful.

With the bar at 13 feet 3½ inches, he apparently had the record in the books but barely nicked the crossbar with an elbow as he fell to the mat.

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ALTHOUGH disappointed Gilders was not disheartened. He has two more chances to attain the goal in indoor meets during the next two weeks.

Many believed that Gilders should have cleared 13 feet, and then taken his three leaps at the record.

Gilders went on to win the high jump with a leap of 5 feet 11 inches and help the Colts rout Chadsey, 64 to 5. Bill Smith won both hurdle events and Walt Hillips the 30-yard dash and 220 to become other double winners.

Joe LaRue captured the 25-yard dash and 220 as Cooley, defending outdoor champion, defeated Western, 57 to 37.

Gilders record attempt 3-31-1949

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