

Gilders Falls Short

Prep Vaulter Fails in Record Attempt

Fletcher Gilders, the City League pole-vaulting sensation, failed to better his National scholastic indoor record as Northwestern wound up its indoor campaign against Mackenzie Wednesday.

Gilders, who last week vaulted 13 feet 3½ inches to claim the record, failed in three attempts to clear 13 feet 6.

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GILDERS CAME close on all three attempts to better his own indoor record. On his first and third tries, he nipped the bar with his left leg; on the middle leap, he scraped it off with his ribs.

The 19-year-old Colt ace was forced to run through a doorway in the Mackenzie gym for a runway that approximated 80 feet.

Northwestern won the meet, 56½ to 29½, with Gilders also grabbing second place in the high jump. Teammate Don Owens edged him out by an inch with a six-foot leap.

Scoring honors went to Billy Smith, who took both hurdle events.

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REDFORD HAD its biggest scare of the season before edging Southwestern, 53 to 51. The Huskies' slam in the 880 saved the day as each team grabbed six firsts.

Cooley's defending outdoor champions rolled over Central 66 to 29 while Norton Foley unofficially equalled the league's low-hurdle mark of :03.9.

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