

# Family Sees Northwestern High Boy Set U.

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## He Vaults 13' 3 1-2" With Ease

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Fletcher Glders, Sr., took time off from his job as a mechanic with a truck company Thursday afternoon to attend a track meet. It was a meet that had the entire Glders family on edge for a week. Junior, Northwestern High pupil, was going to make another attempt to set a national scholastic record in the pole vault.

Young Glders, 19 last February, just missed setting the mark last week when his elbow knocked off the bar at 13 feet 3 1/4 inches. He didn't fail Thursday, leaping 13 feet 3 1/2 inches as his father, mother and sister, Barbara, were excited onlookers in the Northwestern High gym.

The new height surpassed the old record of 13 feet 2 inches set in 1930 by John Wonsowicz, of Froebel High, Gary, Ind.

### DAD IS CONFIDENT

"I knew he could do it," said the father. "That's all Junior's been talking about for days. It didn't even bother me when he missed at 11 feet 6. He just wasn't warmed up then."

Fletcher made 11 feet 6 on his second jump, then cleared 12 feet and 12' 6".

"What should I do now?" he asked Jimmy Russell, his coach.

"Go for the record," was the prompt reply.

The standards were raised to 13 feet 3 1/4 inches and the Northwestern athlete made it on the first try, although the bar quivered slightly. Measurement at the center of the bar by Paul Bernd, the referee, showed a sag of only a quarter of an inch. Glders then failed at 13 feet 7. The record will be sent to the National High School Athletic Federation for approval.

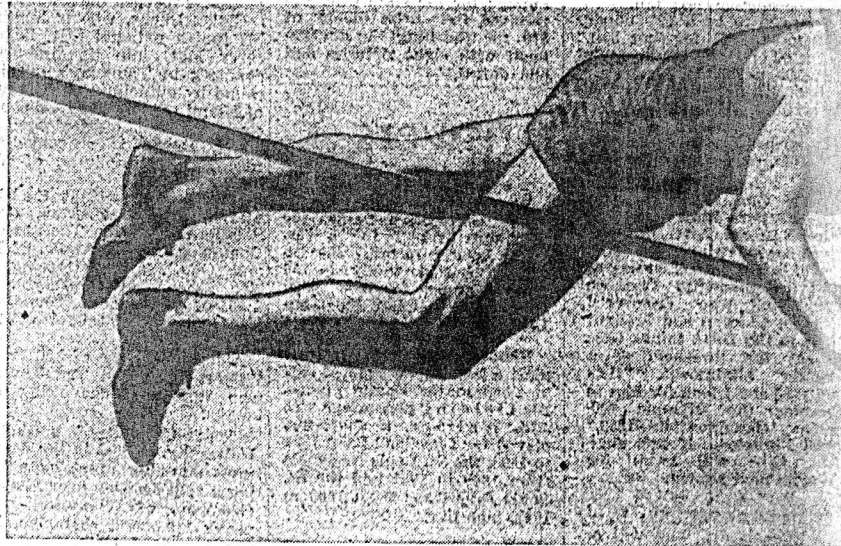
The pole vault performance featured Northwestern's 54-23 defeat of Southwestern. Bill Smith, of Northwestern, won the high and low hurdles and ran on the winning relay. George Reese gave Southwestern firsts in the 30 and 220.

### OTHER RESULTS

Other dual meets saw Cooley, league champion, beat Mackenzie, 56 1/2-29 1/4; Western win from Central, 57 1/2-37 1/2; Redford outclass Chadsey, 87 1/2-16 1/4; Southeastern drub Cass, 71-15, and Miller trounce Northeastern, 62-24. Denby captured a triangular test with 501-6 points to 415-6 for Eastern and 16 for Northern.

Three boys accounted for 34 1/2 of Cooley's points. Don Rebtov had 13, Joe LaRue 11 1/4 and Norton Foley 10 1/4. Milt Powers scored 14 for Western and school records of 8 feet 1 in the high jump and 11' 8" in the pole vault.

Redford slammed four events while beating Chadsey in an outdoor test. Ted Kress had 13 1/2 points. Bill Lorenz won both hurdles and Jerry Neuen took the two dashes as Southeastern whipped Cass. Miller won eight events and tied another in beating Northeastern.



Fletcher Glders, Jr., of Northwestern High, and his form as he crosses the bar.—Photo by Eric Stylander, Ne

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