

# Klemmer

## Cops '400'

**Bear Ace Clocked in  
46.5s. at Compton;  
MacMitchell Victor**

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Cornelius Warmerdam, the Tuolumne schoolteacher with the "Flying Dutchman" nickname, catapulted himself another nearly unbelievable distance into the subatmosphere last night in the greatest exhibition of pole vaulting that may ever be seen.

Not once, but three times, did the great athlete, who has completely dominated his event this past few years, break the existing world's record, finally soaring over 15ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. on the third try at that hitherto strictly imaginative height.

### INCREDIBLE ATHLETE

Words are only flabby make-shifts in trying to describe Warmerdam's mastery of an event which has made the record book a dated, useless file.

When the former Fresno State athlete, who seems to know no ceiling in his steady week-by-week climb, won his event in the Compton invitation track meet last evening at 14., he was a long way from his ultimate achievement.

He then struggled over 15ft. in itself better than the 4-year-old book record of 15ft. 11in. by Earle Meadows and Bill Sifton. The bar wiggled and jumped but stayed on the pegs.

### CLEARED 15FT. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ IN.

Then, after one miss, he broke all world's records, including his unofficial mark of 15ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  in. set a month ago at Palo Alto, when he scaled 15ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

That was in itself the greatest vault in history, but the best was still to come.

He had them move the bar to 15ft. 6in. That is, the bar was measured for that height, not only before, but also after he cleared it on his third attempt. But apparently thinking such an effort was impossible, officials finally ruled it a quarter-inch shy of that level.

Later he took one try at 15ft. 6in. but missed and retired.

### KLEMMER WINS

Grover Klemmer proved beyond any doubt he has the heart and courage of a champion besides being about the greatest quarter-mile in history, when he overcame some of the wildest bucking and rodeo riding ever seen in a local race to take the featured 400 meters by less than a yard over Cliff Bourland and Hubie Kerns of S.C.

His time was only 48.5s., quite a way from the world's record even if it was a meet standard, but he was cut off in the straightaway, forced to drop back and go around the field and raced wide clear over to the backstretch.

### BOURLAND LEADS

Bourland went out with a great burst of speed from his No. 4 lane and had a clear 2-yard margin after 100 yards. Klemmer was sandwiched in between Kerns and Gene Littler from Nebraska, the latter finally edging over in front of the Bear star. When he was pinched off there Klemmer had to ease up and go wide as they hit the turn and never did get to the pole.

Kerns, meanwhile, had been having his troubles but finally shook off Littler and got under way. Both Klemmer and Kerns started pulling up on Bourland but the latter held on grimly although he was wavering badly. Finally Klemmer got past him in the last 10 yards but Kerns could not quite overtake his teammate. Littler, tired from his rough trip the first furlong, was far back in fourth. Jimmy Herbert, the New York Negro, never figured.

### MEET MARK GOES

Although missing their announced goal, the world's record, by something like 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ s., the closely matched field in the 100 meters managed to crack the meet mark by a wide margin.

Leslie MacMitchell, the I.C. 4A. champion from New York U., demonstrated a clear superiority with a six-yard margin over Walter Mehl, American record holder at the distance. MacMitchell, the plodding young-

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ster who burned up the indoor tracks last winter, finished in 3m. 51.4s.

## TROJANS LOSE

University of Southern California suffered a team setback, scoring only 23½ points to 34 for the Olympic Club, but many of the Trojans were in "off" events.

Hal Davis took both dashes as expected, running 100 meters in 10.3s. during a heat to equal his meet record. Joe Batiste, the Sacramento Negro, edged out Art Kacewicz of Troy in a 14.3s. hurdle flight to tie another record after Don Hommel and John Blewener spilled.

New records included the 1500 meters, 400 meters, low hurdles (taken by Batiste in 23.1s.) steeplechase and mile relay.

A national prep sprint mark went to a San Diego foursome and Salinas bettered the junior college medley relay standard.

Shot-put—Michael (O.C.) 51ft. 9½in.; Reiser (U.C.L.A.) 51ft. 3½in.; Trout (O.C.) 50ft. 3in.; Merritt (S.C.) 48ft. 4½in.

1500-meter run—MacMitchell (New York U.) Mehl (Wisconsin Youth Administration.) Weed (S.C.) Peter (Cal.) Time, 3m. 51.4s.

Javelin throw—Biles (Cal.) 218ft. 3in.; Peoples (S.C.) 215ft. 11in.; Todd (Olympic.) 210ft.; Pettigrew (S.C.) 192ft. 7in.

110-meter high hurdles—Batiste (Sacramento J.C.) Kacewicz (S.C.) Peterson (Ventura J.C.) Time, 14.3s.

400-meter hurdles—Smith (Santa Ana J.C.) Jackson (Olympic.) Jennings (S.C. A.A.) P. Castenada (S.C.A.A.) Time, 53.9s.

100-meter dash—Davis (Salinas J.C.) Jordan (S.C.A.A.) Sinclair (U.C.L.A.) O'Reilly (S.C. Fresh.) Time, 10.4s.

High jump—Wilson (S.C.) 6ft. 7in.; tie for second, Stewart (unattached.) Sheaff (U.C.L.A.) 6ft. 5in.; Taller (S.C.) 6ft. 4in.

5000-meter run—Volmer (Olympic.) Madrid (Fresno State.) Casares (Fresno State.) Flores (unattached.) Time, 14m. 54.9s.

200-meter dash—Davis (Salinas J.C.) Sinclair (U.C.L.A.) Jordan (S.C.A.A.) Litter (Neb.) Time, 20.8s.

Broad jump—Freeman (Salinas J.C.) 23ft. 10½in.; Becker (S.C.) 23ft. 8in.; Robinson (California Youth Administration.) 23ft. 7in.; Vasconcelas (Olympic.) 23ft. 4in.

400-meter dash—Klemmer (Cal.) Bourland (S.C.) Kerns (S.C.) Litter (Neb.) Time, 46.5s.

800-meter run—Borican (unattached.) Packard (Pepperdine.) Funston (S.C.A.A.) Knowles (Santa Monica High.) Time, 1m. 32.4s.

Discus throw—Fox (Olympic.) 169ft. 8¾in.; Hiler (Stanford.) 154ft. 3in.; Wolfe (Cal.) 153ft. 11in.

Sprint medley relay for junior colleges (440-220-220-880)—Salinas Junior College (MacAuley, Davis, Biles, Ring.) Pepperdine, Compton, Los Angeles City College. Time, 3m. 30.8s.

200-meter low hurdles—Batiste (Sacramento Junior College.) Browning (Olympic.) Smith (Santa Ana Junior College.) Johnson (S.C.) Time, 23.1s.

Hop, step and jump—Beckus (Compton J.C.) 46ft. 3¾in.; Mohr, Santa Barbara State; 44ft. 9½in.; Steward (Santa Barbara State.) 44ft. 7½in.; Atzet (S.C.A.A.) 44ft. 1½in.

Pole vault—Warmerdam (Olympic.) 15ft. 5¾in. (beats Warmerdam's applied-for world's record of 15ft. 2¾in. and present world's record of 14ft. 11in., held by Earl Meadows and Bill Sefton, S.C.) tie for second among Hills and Meadows (S.C. A.A.) Ferguson (Compton J.C.) and Shearer (S.C.) 13ft. 6in.

3000-meter steeplechase—Elaw (unattached.) Ganahl (Olympic.) McFarland (Glendale.) Graves (S.C.A.A.) Time, 9m. 28.3s.

One-mile relay—California (Barnes, From, Reese and Klemmer.) S.C., S.C.A.A. Time, 3m. 12.5s.

Unofficial scores: Olympic Club, 34; S.C., 23½; Salinas J.C., 20; California, 18; S.C.A.A., 17; Sacramento J.C., 10; Compton J.C., 8½; U.C.L.A., 8; Santa Ana J.C., 7; Pepperdine College, 6; Fresno State College, 5; New York University, 5; Glendale J.C., 4; Stanford University, 3; Wisconsin N.Y.A., 3; Long Beach J.C., 2; University of Nebraska, 2; San Luis Obispo N.Y.A., 2; Santa Barbara State College, 2; Los Angeles City College, 2; S.C. Fresh, 1.