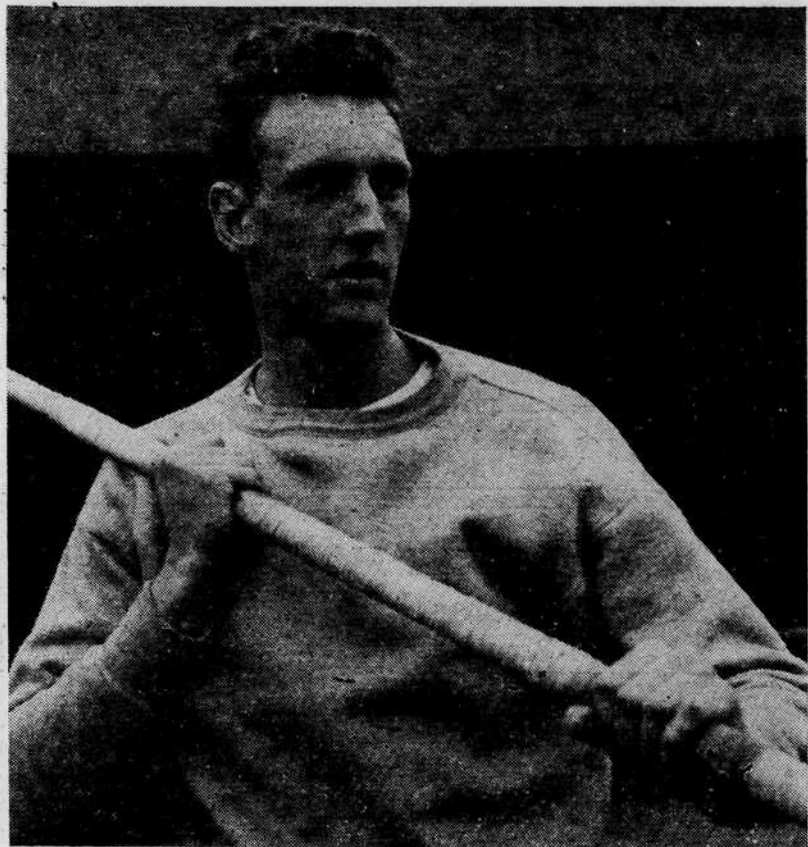


Is This The Year?



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Is this University of Oregon vaulter George Rasmussen's season to reach the goal of all pole vaulters, that is, vaulting over 15 feet?

Only two men that have gone before him have officially reached that haven. Cornelius "Dutch" Warmerdam, the incomparable aerialist from California, established the present world record of 15 feet 7 1/4 inches, and Bob Richards, Illinois Athletic Club stickman, cleared 15 feet earlier this spring during the Melrose Games in Boston. Warmerdam is no longer an active competitor.

Rasmussen, a 22-year-old three-year letterman from Bend, has already established himself as the "second best pole vaulter in the world." He got a chance to compete against first ranked Richards last summer during a trip to Norway and Sweden under the auspices of Swedish and other Baltic states athletic clubs.

The two aerialists crossed paths three different times and tied at the height of 13 feet 10 inches on each occasion. Ras, as he is called by his teammates, took one of these matches on International rules; that is, if both men go out at the same height, the total number of misses determines the victor.

Broke Two Records in Sweden

Besides his friendly feud with Richards, Ras broke two records in Sweden established by his equally famous Webfoot predecessor, George Varoff, with leaps of 14 feet 1 inch and 13 feet 10 inches. Varoff, who held the world vault record at 14 feet 6 1/2 inches for a time, went on a similar tour while attending the University. Ras also tied a Warmerdam record in the Baros, Sweden stadium at 13 feet 10 inches.

These heights may seem ridiculously low considering Rasmussen can vault 14 feet with the greatest of ease here in the United States. However, cool, wet weather in the Scandinavian area plus jumping into sand pits instead of deep sawdust shavings kept both the Oregon star and Richards far below their American achievements.

Rasmussen's reputation as a vaulter is firmly written into the record books around the country and particularly in the Northern Division of the Pacific Coast Conference.

He holds all Northern Division vault records. He is currently co-champion of the Pacific Coast Conference with John Montgomery of the University of Southern California with vaults of 14 feet 4 inches each.

Ras won the NCAA vault crown in the years of 1947-'48, and holds the Texas Relays record with a leap of 14 feet 2 1/4 inches. Added to this auspicious list, he still owns the Oregon state high school vault record at 12 feet 9 inches set in 1946.

Considering his past achievements, one might think that the reddish haired lad could justifiably suffer from a "virtuoso's temperament," but none of that for Ras. He possesses all the qualities of an ordinary, even tempered individual, and nothing thrills him more than when one of his teammates clears the bar above his previous height. He is an ideal team man who watches his teammates eagerly and cheers them on to victory.

Alpha Hall Dumps Betas in IM Tennis

Alpha Hall dumped Beta Theta Pi in their intramural tennis match 2-0 yesterday on the Emerald street courts. The Hallsters annexed the singles with Dave Hobbs drubbing Max Vincent 6-0 and 6-1.

Bill Nelson and Ralph Thompson secured the match for the Straubmen by defeating Tom Spatz and

George McMath of the Betas 9-7 and 6-3 in the first doubles. The second doubles between Bob Hewitt and Dick Loftus, Alpha, and Bill Hays and Ken Ball, Betas ended in a tie called at the end of the second game because the courts were closed at 7 p.m.

Float Parade Appearance Scheduled 4:30 Saturday

Led by the University of Oregon Band and the queen's float—a novelty this year—the annual Junior Weekend float parade will wind its way through the campus at about 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

The new float, which will carry the weekend queen and her four princesses, will depict Junior Weekend's "Melody Magic" theme with musical symbols and scrolls, according to its designer, Jim Snell. Snell reports that construction is about two-thirds finished.

All float entries must be at the parade starting point, the Southern Pacific Depot at 4th and Willamette, by 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Parade Co-Chairman Jim Hershner reported Thursday.

Parade Order Assigned

First-come, first-served will be the practice in assigning parade order to the entries, Hershner said. House chairmen will be required to turn in itemized lists of expenditures at the starting point Saturday before their floats will be placed in the parade line.

Float expenditure limit is \$50.

The parade will start moving from the depot at 4:10 p.m. Moving down Willamette, it will turn east at 13th St. and pass through the campus to University St., where it will proceed to McArthur Court, the breaking-up point.

Stop for Judging

Judges will be stationed at the City Hall, 11th and Willamette. Floats will probably be required to make a 10-second stop in front of the building for inspection by the judges.

Float themes, all planned around the "Melody Magic" idea, follow:

Stitzer Hall-Kappa Kappa Gamma, "Slow Boat to China;" Phi Sigma Kappa-Minturn Hall-Alpha Xi Delta, "Bongo, Bongo, Bongo;" Rebec House-Merrick Hall-Alpha Tau Omega, "Oh, Where, Oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone."

Lambda Chi Alpha-Yeomen-Delta Zeta, "Come, Josephine, in My Flying Machine;" Sigma Chi-Alpha Delta Pi, "Over the Rainbow;" Sigma Nu - Alpha Hall - University House, "Old Master Painter."

Variety of Themes

Delta Tau Delta-Alpha Omicron Pi, "Good Ship Lollypop;" Theta Chi-Sederstrom Hall-Carson Hall "The Little Toot;" Alpha Gamma Delta-Campbell Club, "Magic is the Moonlight."

Phi Gamma Delta-Hunter Hall-Hendricks Hall, "By the Sea;" Delta Gamma-Delta Upsilon, "April in Paris;" Alpha Chi Omega-Gamma Hall-Pi Kappa Phi, "Woody Woodpecker."

More Variety

Pi Beta Phi-Kappa Sigma, "The Big Rock Candy Mountain;" Beta Theta Pi-Tau Kappa Epsilon-Gamma Phi Beta, "Surrey with a Fringe on Top;" Sigma Alpha Epsilon-Ann Judson House-Chi Psi, "Far Away Places."

Zeta Tau Alpha-Phi Delta Theta-Stan Ray Hall, "Waiting for the Robert E. Lee;" Chi Omega-Sherry Ross, "Dreams Are a Dime a Dozen;" Highland House-Philadelphia House-Phi Kappa Psi, "We're Off to See the Wizard."

End in Sight

Alpha Phi-Pi Kappa Alpha, "Chattanooga Choo Choo;" Kappa Alpha Theta-Phi Kappa Sigma, "Slaughter on Tenth Avenue;" Sigma Alpha Mu-Sigma Kappa, "One Dozen Roses."

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Bales to Receive Engineer Award

William E. Bales, sophomore in liberal arts, will receive an award from the American Institute of Mining Engineers for a report he did recently on mining ores.

Presentation will be at the group's annual dinner meeting scheduled for tonight on the Oregon State College campus.

Seventeen other University students will attend the meeting.

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