

# Warmerdam Clears 15' 8 1/2" for New World's Vault Record

## Indoor, Outdoor Marks Shattered

### Dodds Cops Mile Race; Dixon Finishes Third

By TOMMY DEVINE  
CHICAGO, March 20.—(AP)—Ensign Cornelius Warmerdam of the Navy pre-flight school at Chapel Hill, N.C., Saturday night set a new world's indoor Pole Vault when he cleared 15 feet eight and one-half inches in the Chicago relays.

Warmerdam made his record-breaking mark on his first try with the bar at that level. The bar quivered only slightly as the thin, 27-year-old former Piedmont, Cal., school teacher went up and over to pull 14,000 fans to their feet.

The vault was the greatest of Warmerdam's spectacular career. It not only broke his own indoor mark of 15 feet 7 3/4 inches set in February, 1942 at the Boston, A.A. games, but also smashed his outdoor mark of 15 feet 7 3/4 inches established at Modesto, Cal., on May 23, 1942.

Warmerdam started leaping with the bar at 14 feet and then eliminated the remainder of the field when the bar was pushed to 14 feet 6 inches. Warmerdam missed one try at 15 feet 1 1/2 inches and then easily cleared that height on his next try.

**Misses at 16 Feet**  
After five minutes rest "Corny" came back to go over at 15 feet 3 3/4 inches for a new meet record. The cross bar then was raised to the record level of 15 feet 8 1/2 inches.

Warmerdam went back to the very tip of the 14 foot pine runway. He came down the straightaway with the speed of a sprinter, hit the take off pit perfectly, arched his lithe body at the peak of his swing and then barely nicked the bar as he went up and over. As he settled into the deep sawdust pit, he looked up quickly and grinned as the bar stayed on.

The record breaking jump marked the 25th consecutive meet Warmerdam has won and in every one he's cleared 15 feet, a mark unbreached by any other vaulter in track history. He has cleared 15 feet 33 times.

After setting his new world's record, Warmerdam failed three times in an effort to clear 16 feet.

Gil Dodds, the bespectacled Boston divinity student, won his second major mile race of the indoor season, when he won the classic Bankers mile in 4:08.3.

**Wright Takes Sprint**  
Earl Mitchell of Indiana university finished second and Frank Dixon, New York University freshman, was third.

One of the major upsets of the indoor season occurred in the 1,600 yard run when Les Eisenhart, former Ohio State university star now running unattached from Port Clinton, Ohio, defeated Gene Venzeke of the New York Athletic club in a driving finish in 2:13.8.

Bob Wright of Ohio State, swept the hurdle series by taking the 40, 50 and 60 yard events.

Herbert Thompson of Jersey dashes but was beaten by Charles City, N. J., won the 40 and 55 yard dash. It was the first sprint event Thompson lost in four years of competition in the Chicago relays.

Greg Rice, former Notre Dame star now running for the New York Athletic club, won his 63rd straight race when he copped the two mile event in 8:55.9. Oliver Hunter of Notre Dame was second and Tony Maloney of Notre Dame third.

**Delayed Country Club Golf Tourney Opens Saturday Afternoon**

Qualifying for the Eugene Country club's spring handicap golf tournament, delayed last week because of unfavorable weather conditions, opened Saturday afternoon with the first contingent of divoters posting the required 18-hole scores. Qualifying will continue until the evening of March 28, according to Professional Wendell Wood.

Harvey Rue is the defending champion of the "President's" trophy.

A field of some 80 golfers is expected to compete with the low 32 qualifiers entering the championship flight and the others placed in flights of eight.

**BOCCHI RATES AT BAKER**

BAKER, March 20.—(AP)—Baker Bulldogs Saturday named Captain Jim Bocchi of Klamath Falls state basketball champions on their all-opponent team. Bocchi didn't rate the official all-state first team, although his team defeated Baker for the title.

**door athletic crowds to 75,000**

and to think they placed a 50-cent limit on crowds here on the coast last summer.

Orchids to the University of Oregon's stand on the split of the Pacific coast conference for football.

Bill next fall. The Webfoots, "Little John" Hollis and Anse "Jolly John" Cornell, were the only ones that had the courage to buck the USC proposal, even though it was the obvious stand to take. The other northwest schools took the proposal as a foregone conclusion for next fall.

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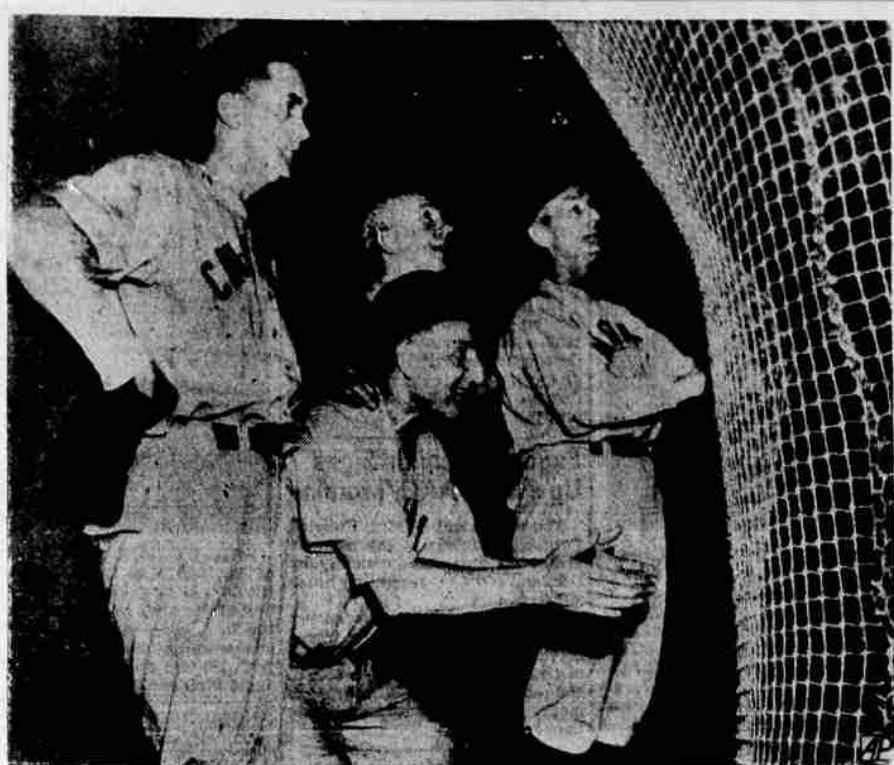
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**REDS' CHIEFS WATCH BATTING PRACTICE**—Each expressing a different reaction, these Cincinnati Reds mentors watched batting practice behind an indoor cage at the club's spring training camp at Bloomington, Ind. Coach John (Hans) Lohert crouches to beg for the ball, while (left to right) Coach Easel Crabtree, Vice President General Manager Warren C. Giles and Manager William McKechnie looked on intently.

## Red Manager Likes Northern Sites; All White Sox Signed

(By the United Press)  
LAKEWOOD, N. J., March 20.—(AP)—A leading candidate to replace Johnny Mize if the big first baseman is drafted, Joe Orango made his debut on first for the New York Giants Saturday when the club held its fourth outdoor workout in six days.

A lively battle for third base developed between the veteran Dick Bartell and Sid Gordon, up from Jersey City. Gordon has been one of the International League's few .300 hitters the past two years. Bartell, although participating in the workouts, has not yet come to terms for 1943.

**COLLEGE PARK, Md., March 20.—(AP)—Alex Carrasquel, big Venezuelan right hander, was pronounced the most advanced of 16 pitchers on the Washington Senator squad by Manager Ossie Bluege following two brisk workouts. The club shifted outdoors after previous drills in the University of Maryland field house.**

**FRENCH LICK, Ind., March 20.—(AP)—Wally Moses, last of the Chicago White Sox holdouts, agreed to terms late Saturday and is expected to report for training Monday.**

Moses had previously said he would not play in Chicago but wanted to be traded to his hometown, Philadelphia.

**LAFAYETTE, Ind., March 20.—(AP)—The Cleveland Indians were held inside the Purdue field house for their fifth consecutive day of practice. Manager Lou Boudreau, declared however that the squad was working itself into such good condition that he dispenses with the customary infield drill on the dirt diamond. Roy Cullenbine, outfielder acquired from the New York Yankees, reported late Saturday, leaving Jeff Heath the lone absentee.**

**EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 20.—(AP)—Manager Steve O'Neil lengthened the Detroit Tiger workout to three hours today as weather conditions improved. O'Neil listed among the season's starting pitchers John Gorsica, former relief hurler, and said that outfielder Rudy York would continue to play first base.**

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 20.—(AP)—Powell Crosley, Jr., President and controlling owner of the Cincinnati Reds, paid his first visit to his club's 1943 training camp Saturday and watched the squad workout in Indiana University's field house. This workout, the tenth the team for the Reds, ended their training until Monday morning, manager Bill McKechnie declaring a full holiday for Sunday.**

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## Phillips Oilers AAU Champions

### Denver Beaten, 57-40; Wyoming Takes Third

DENVER, March 20.—(AP)—The ancient tradition that champions don't repeat in the national A.A.U. basketball tournament held good again Saturday night—and the Phillips Oilers from Bartlesville, Okla., are America's new amateur cage champions.

The mighty oiler won the crown 57 to 40, over the defending champion Denver Legion, a team which couldn't beat both the Phillips team and the jinx that has kept all but four A.A.U. cage champions in history from winning the title twice in a row.

It was the fourth time in five years that the Oilers had met a Denver team in the finals and this is the second national title for the tall boys from Oklahoma who ruled the cage world back in 1940.

**Lack of Practice Showed**

Some 8,000 fans saw little Jimmy McNatt, former Oklahoma University star, sparke the Phillips team to the championship and avenge their defeat in the finals last year by the Legions.

The Oilers had never played a game together until this week. They were hastily assembled two weeks ago around All-American Ace Gruening to defend the Legion title, and they showed their lack of practice by allowing their defense to break up on numerous occasions and by failing to capitalize on several opportunities for setups.

**Spring Sports Open at Eugene**

Spring sports got their formal initiation at Eugene high during the past week, with baseball and track getting under-way and golf and tennis players loosening their muscles for the spring fling against nearby opponents.

Coach Ford Mullen was greeted by some 35 baseball enthusiasts at the opening practice Thursday night, and prospects are bright for a winning diamond squad. The turnout was led by Captain Jack Fassett, second-baseman, while other lettermen included were Ranny Smith, shortstop, Herb Gilbert, third-baseman, Charley Mickleson and Don McCune, outfielders, and several lettermen transfers including Pitcher Ernie Danner, former University high star.

**Bay Meadows To End Season Next Thursday**

SAN MATEO, Cal., March 20.—(AP)—The Bay Meadows horse racing season will end next Thursday and there will be no extension, Jerry Giesler, chairman of the California horse racing commission, announced Saturday in a statement received here.

The board's decision was announced following application of Bay Meadows for an additional 25-day meeting which was to have followed the current 25-day program.

**Absence of Eugene's Dominance in State Sport Circles**

Shown in Lack of Local Grade, Junior High Athletics

By BILL LOVE

Once again, a Eugene high basketball team with state championship possibilities fell through at Salem. Before we analyze the above statement, here are a few facts to remember about any single elimination playoff.

The team that wins a tournament is not necessarily the one that would come out on top if the same schools played a regular league schedule. One team may have a bad night and be thrown out of the running, while another squad just can't miss. The same is true of all-stars. Some boys fall to display their real ability with fortune oftentimes playing a major part, while others overlooked in regular schedules, shine at the capital tournament.

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## Hardy Among Signed Beavers

### Portland, Ore., March 20—Sixteen members of the 1943 Portland Beaver baseball squad of the Pacific coast league signed their new contracts and were enroute to the club's San Jose, Cal., training camp, William H. Klepper, vice president and business manager of the club, disclosed Saturday night.

Unsigned were Ad Liska, Byron Speece, and Joe Orell, pitchers; and Ted Norbert, outfielder, and Lee Stine outfielder and pitcher. O'Dell Hale, second baseman bought from the Milwaukee club of the American Association, had not been heard from, Klepper said.

Bob Hardy, former Oregon baseball and basketball star, is included in the 16 signed members.

## Cascade Baseball Meeting Friday

Fate of the 1943 Cascade baseball league will be decided next Friday night when league managers hold a meeting at the Register-Guard offices, starting at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting has been scheduled by Glenn Younger, president of the bush-league circuit.

Present prospects appear good for a league involving teams within a 15-mile radius of Eugene. Present travel restrictions will prevent long trips, league officials believe.

**Huskies Draw Texas In NCAA Opener Friday**

KANSAS CITY, March 20.—(AP)—The first round of the N.C.A.A. western basketball play-offs pits the University of Oklahoma against Wyoming and Washington against Texas Friday night to determine who shall battle it out in the finals the next night.

Washington is expected to arrive here Wednesday for workouts and the other three combinations on Thursday, Reeves Peters, manager of the tournament, said.

**Merki Triumphs In Portland Swim Feature**

PORTLAND, Ore., March 20.—(AP)—Nancy Merki of the Multnomah athletic club won an easy three-length victory in the featured junior national women's 100-yard breaststroke of the annual Oregon State indoor championships here this afternoon.

Her time of 1:21 flat was only 2.6 seconds off the junior national record held by Doris Brennan of Rhode Island.

**Top Bowlers Vie In Tourney Sunday**

One of the top-flight bowling events of the local leading season will be held at the U-Bowl alleys Sunday night when Eugene's leading ebony tossers vie in a 12-game match event for a top cash prize of at least \$50.

The tournament, sponsored annually by Roy Northam, who will not be a competitor, will be staged as a one-night affair; instead of the usual split 16-game test. The rolling is scheduled to start at 7 o'clock.

Vigil Jones won the 16-game affair last year with an average of better than 190. He will defend his title against a field of some 15 or 20 kesters. Others who have already registered are Oscar McPherson, Bob Wiltshire, Charley Harvey, Oscar Quinn, Norman Neuman, Chet Goodman, and Ed Johnson.

The field is expected to be added to before the opening strike. Post entries will be accepted, Northam said.

**Rams Meet Champions In Semi-Final Monday**

The River Road Rams, coached by Geary Worth, principal of the River Road grade school, will be seeking their fourth straight finalist berth in the Goldenball basketball tournament in Portland Monday night.

The Rams have disposed of two opponents with comparative ease, defeating the Aloha Juniors 57-7 and the Milwaukee Maroons 43-16. Leading scorers to date have been Ernest Wilde with 27 points in the two games, followed by Ray Tone with 25 and Ken Gibson with 22.

In one of two semi-final games Monday, the Rams will meet Shunway of Vancouver, the quintet that defeated the local quintet for the championship last year.

**Saint Seconds to Play**

The St. Mary's Catholic high school's second team will travel to Monroe Monday night for a game against the Monroe high school quintet.