

# 1949 MSHSL NORDIC SKI RACING STATE MEET

## 4 mile (6.4km) Classic Results\*

<b>Location:</b>	Chester Bowl, Duluth Mn	<b>Date:</b>	2/5/1949
<b>Snow conditions:</b>	For the second year in a row, Duluth had great snow in January (27 inches) and moderate temperatures in the teens and twenties leading up to the state meet.	<b>High Temperature:</b>	Four to five inches of snow fell in the days before the race. Race time temperatures were in the mid-teens, with a light dusting of new dry snow during the race. Light or dark green with a little blue kicker might have worked perfectly.

Rank	Name	Grade	Team	Time
1	Don Nygaard	12	Duluth Central	24:33
2	Norman Kragseth	12	Duluth Central	25:34
3	Jim Handcock		Southwest	26:29
4	Gordon Slotness		Duluth Central	27:36
5	Robert Smith	11	Duluth Central	28:05
6	Steve Wilkoss		Duluth Central	28:16
7	Burton Shotley	11	Cloquet	28:54
8	James Ford		Edison	29:06
9	Austin Caswell		West	30:15
10	Keith Crosby		Roosevelt	30:16
11	Harry Patterson	12	Cloquet	30:23
12	Karl Lappig		Henry	30:52
13	George Franklin		Cloquet	31:10
14	Paul Nass		Washburn	31:34
15	Richard Kenfield		Roosevelt	31:54
16	Robert Jubie		Cloquet	31:59
17	Burton Wyes	11	Greenway	32:01
18	Gary Paulson		Henry	32:24
19	Ray Castalleno		Greenway	32:25
20	Ben Skinner	11	North	32:37
21	Pat Rice		West	32:47
22	Gordon Sathre		Roosevelt	32:56
23	Duane Ranger		Greenway	34:27
24	Gerald Flynn		Cloquet	34:29
25	Don Feldt		West	34:53
26	William Warner		North	35:03
27	Gerald Rankeins		North	35:28
28	Bernard Kaiser		North	36:33
29	Kermit Sormers		Denfeld	36:35
30	Larry Anderson		Edison	37:07
31	Richard Sobczak		Greenway	37:28
32	Pete Marxen		North	37:47
33	Ray Leland		Denfeld	38:31
34	Russell Wick		Denfeld	38:50
35	Don Isakson		Denfeld	47:41
36	Ralph Iverson		Roosevelt	50:06
37	John Holland		Washburn	50:44

\* Results from the Duluth News Tribune, dated February 6th, 1949

The race is listed as 3.5 miles in the Duluth News Tribune article.  
 Stories of 1949 winners, including Norm Kragseth's unbelievable career,  
 found in Amazon book "Norm Oakvik: The Inconspicuous Coach"  
[www.amazon.com/dp/B0DX7JZ9SK](http://www.amazon.com/dp/B0DX7JZ9SK)

### Cross-country Team Scores

Place	School	Time	Top two
1	Duluth Central "A"	50:37	24:33+25:34
2	Cloquet	59:17	28:54+30:23
3	Roosevelt	62:10	30:16+31:54
4	West	63:02	30:15+32:47
5	Henry	63:16	30:52+32:24
6	Greenway	64:26	32:02+32:25
7	North	67:40	32:37+35:03
8	Denfeld	75:06	36:35+38:31
9	Washburn	82:18	31:34+50:44
	<i>Duluth Central "B"</i>	<i>55:41</i>	<i>27:36+28:05</i>

Team times may appear different from MSHSL times but they are equivalent. MSHSL times are reported as the total of two skiers, i.e. Cloquet's time is listed as 58:77 (28:54 + 30:23). This author has rounded the time to the next minute and subtracted 60 seconds from the MSHSL time., i.e. 58:77=59:19.

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Norm Kragseth might have achieved the distinction of being the only skier to win all three ski events in one meet, but teammate Don Nygaard edged Kragseth out in the state meet, as Kragseth had won the Jumping and Slalom races earlier in the day. Articles before and after the ski meet touted his basketball skill, winning several games at the free throw line at the end of games. Kragseth missed the district XC race to star on the basketball team that night. According to another Duluth News Tribune article, dated February 17th, 1949, Kragseth could have played hockey and swam for those Central teams but just ran out of time with studies and athletics.



### Duluth Central Team and Nordic Champs

First Row (kneeling): Gordon Slotness, Bob Smith, Carl Schramm and Jack Modahl, Second Row: Duane Ramfjord, Dick Peterson, Norm Kragseth, Don Nygaard, Steve Wilkosz