

# 1940 MSHSL NORDIC SKI RACING STATE MEET

## Approx. 3 mile (5 km) Classic Results\*

<b>Location:</b>	Theodore Wirth, Minneapolis, Mn	<b>Date:</b>	February 10th, 1940
<b>Snow conditions:</b>	No weather data available but according to newspaper accounts, many skiers had trouble throughout the winter due to lack of adequate snowfall.	<b>High Temperature:</b>	The high was 36 F but in the mid-twenties until late afternoon when the race was most likely held.

Rank	Name	Grade	Team	Time
1	Ray Folland	12	Duluth Central	20:26
2	Don Johnson		Duluth Central	20:59
3	Henry Hanson	12	Minneapolis Washburn	21:34
4	Elanzo Tiant		Minneapolis North	22:14
5	John Chambers		Minneapolis West	22:20
6	Charles Banks (Bankii)	10	Duluth Central	22:43
7	Marvin Zebe		Minneapolis North	23:26
8	Gordon Eggaraard		Minneapolis Washburn	23:59
9	Alex Talleckson	12	Duluth Central	24:08
10	John Olson		Minneapolis North	24:18
11	Bob Frick		Grand Rapids	24:32
12	Ed Sisler		Grand Rapids	25:15
13	Elmer Lake		Duluth Central	25:39
14	Glen Swenson		Grand Rapids	25:41
15	James Peterson		Minneapolis North	26:08
16	Bob Larson		Minneapolis Washburn	26:34
17	Rolf Huggenvik		Northfield	26:38
18	Lester Wachman		Minneapolis Washburn	26:38
19	S. Nelson		Minneapolis Washburn	26:43
20	Don Swanson		Minneapolis North	27:03
21	Fred Lang		Minneapolis Marshall	27:10
22	Howard Nordby		Minneapolis Central	27:19
23	Robert Giantvalley		Minneapolis North	27:48
24	David Laird		Minneapolis University	27:49
25	Dick Woodcock		Minneapolis West	28:19
26	Warren Anderson		Grand Rapids	28:19
27	Art Stone		Minneapolis Washburn	28:21
28	F. Brennon		Minneapolis Washburn	29:09
29	William Valentine		Minneapolis Roosevelt	30:55
30	Don Larson		Red Wing	32:07
31	Erling Kindem	9	Northfield	36:03

\* Results from the MSHSL yearbook, 1940-1941

Stories of 1940 winner found in Amazon book "Norm Oakvik: The Inconspicuous Coach"

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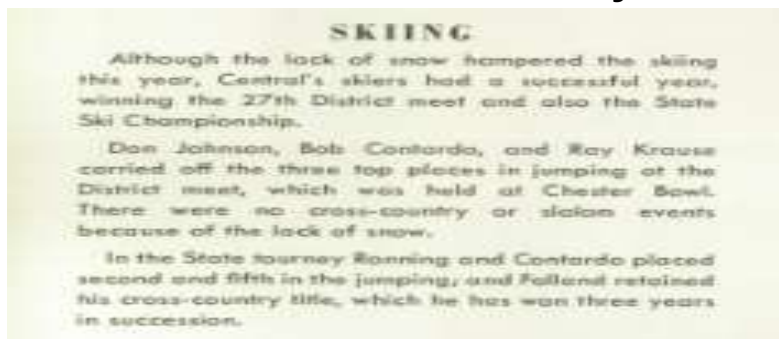
## Cross-country Team Scores

Place	School	Time	Top Two
1	Duluth Central	41:25	20:26+20:59
2	Minneapolis Washburn	45:33	21:34+23:59
3	Minneapolis North	45:40	22:14+23:26
4	Grand Rapids	49:47	24:32+25:15
5	Minneapolis West	50:09	22:20+27:49
6	Northfield	62:41	26:38+36:03

Team times may appear different from MSHSL times but they are equivalent. MSHSL times are reported as the total of two skiers, i.e. Central's time is listed as 40:85 (20:26+ 20:59. This author has rounded the time to the next minute and subtracted 60 seconds from the MSHSL time., i.e. 40:85=41:25.

According to the Minneapolis Star Tribune article by Louis Greene, dated February 11th, 1940, there was a significant number of participants from throughout the state. The article listed not only the top finishers in slalom, jumping and cross-country, but also listed all 102 participants in the meet. Of those 102 total participants, sixty-two were from the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, fourteen from Southern Minnesota and only twenty-six from Northern Minnesota cities. Grand Rapids had the most participants (11) but the ten from Duluth Central had the most dramatic impact, taking first place overall, placing multiple skiers in the top ten in all three events.

## Duluth Central ski team - 1940 yearbook



First Row: Mr. Anderson, Johnson, Folland, Tollakson, Duke

Second Row: Ronning, Banks, Peterson, Krause, Contardo

# Skiing

By LOUIS GREENE

Central high school of Duluth, with a strong team of 10 skiers, won the state prep skiing championship for the second successive season in jumping, slalom and cross country competition at Theodore Wirth park yesterday.

Ray Folland and Don Johnson gave Duluth first and second places in the cross country event, while Michael Ronning finished second for the champions in jumping.

Harold Mjolsness of Coleraine won the jumping event with leaps of 107 and 104 feet for 150.5 points. Fred Lang of Marshall high, Minneapolis, won the slalom race, with Don Swanson of North second and Henry Hansen of Washburn third. Hansen also took third in jumping, and then did it again in cross country for the best individual performance of the meet.

Following are the first 10 place winners in each event, and the entry list by schools:

## JUMPING

Harold Mjolsness, Greenway high of Coleraine, 107 and 104 feet; 150.5 points.  
Michael Ronning, Duluth Central, 101-100; 147.7.

Henry Hansen, Washburn, 103-105; 145.8.  
Phil DuBois, Red Wing, 142.7 points.  
Robert Contardo, Duluth Central, 141.3.  
Bill Kinzey, St. Paul Harding, 139.3.  
Don Johnson, Duluth Central, 136.9.  
Robert Clune, Greenway of Coleraine, 136.4.

Ben del Carlo, Harding of St. Paul, 136.1.  
Lee Wedl, Jr., Greenway of Coleraine, 134.9.

## SLALOM

Fred Lang, Marshall, 40.1 seconds average time for two runs.

Don Swanson, North, 41.4.  
Henry Hansen, Washburn, 43.9.  
Dick Garbe, Stillwater, 48.2.  
James Peterson, North, 49.2.  
Charles Banki, Duluth, 50.4.  
Bruce Gordon, West, 55.4.  
Alleys Tallekson, Duluth Central, 57.  
Ray Folland, Duluth Central, 58.2.  
John Olson, North, 59.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Ray Folland, Duluth Central, 20 minutes, 26 seconds.

Don Johnson, Duluth Central, 20:59.  
Henry Hansen, Washburn, 21:34.  
Alonzo Plant, North, 22:13.5.  
John Chambers, West, 22:20.2.  
Charles Banki, Duluth Central, 22:43.2.  
Marvin Zeebe, Duluth Central, 22:43.2.  
Gordon Eggsgaard, Washburn, 23:59.  
Alleys Tallekson, Duluth Central, 24:08.  
John Olson, North, 24:18.2.

## High School Teams

High School Teams	# participants
Minneapolis Washburn	8
Minneapolis Glenwood	5
Minneapolis Roosevelt	9
Minneapolis North	9
Minneapolis Marshall	3
Minneapolis University High	4
Minneapolis West	7
Minneapolis Vocational	2
St. Louis Park	2
Wayzata	5
White Bear Lake	3
St Paul Harding	5
Stillwater	7
Northfield	3
Redwing	4
Duluth Central	10
Grand Rapids	11
Greenway Coleraine	5

## Total Participants

102

ENTRY LIST	
Washburn, Minneapolis	
H. Hansen, G. Eggsgaard, B. Parson, S. Nelson, Lester Wachman, Curt Hayer, Brennan, Art Stone.	
Glenwood	
Arthur Oswald, Donald Martin, Arvid Wilson, Thomas Quist, Walter Hausken.	
Roosevelt, Minneapolis	
Ray Haer, Allen Tronsgard, Allen Gustafson, Harold Gee, Lester Kupsak, Donald Glabe, Eugene Green, Dale Davidson, William Valentine.	
North High, Minneapolis	
Robert Bruckelmeyer, Ray Carlson, Robert Jackson, Lee Nyholm, John Olson, James Peterson, Alonzo Plant, Don Swanson, Marvin Zeebe.	
Northfield	
Rolf Hussenvik, Erling Kindem, Paul Stavis.	
Red Wing	
Phillip DuBois, Russell Bryant, Jack Landeck, Don Larson.	
Stillwater	
John Beyer, Ralph Kutz, Ron Rivard, Bob Selb, Jim Tibbets, Brons Simonet, Dick Garbe.	
St. Louis Park	
Ray Anderson, Jack Merfield.	
University High, Minneapolis	
Robert Giantvalley, John Marvin, Robert Johnson.	
Boys' Vocational High, Minneapolis	
Robert Johnson.	
Wayzata High	
Donald Cameron, Frank Johnson, Phillip Luttig, David Munns, Paul Luttig.	
West High, Minneapolis	
David Laird, Dick Woodcock, Jack Pauly, Jim Haight, Dan Colburn, Bruce Gordon, John Chambers.	
White Bear High	
Norman Deans, Thomas McClanahan, Fred Trautz.	
Vocational High, Minneapolis	
Howard Lent, Donald Peterson.	
Central High, Minneapolis	
Laurier Brousseau, Howard Nordby, Pat O'Shaunesay, Jerome Johnson, Robert Larson, Clayton Olson, Kenneth Lund.	
Central High, Duluth	
Robert Contardo, Ray Folland, Alleys Tallekson, Marshall Peterson, Donald Johnson, Michael Ronning, Ray Krause, John Sheik, Charles Banki, Elmer Lake.	
Marshall High, Minneapolis	
Fred Lang, Tom Nihil, Bronson Kingslev, Richard Stockstead, Paul Stone, John Ranssen.	
Greenway High, Coleraine	
Robert Clune, Donald Erickson, Harold Mjolsness, Jack Sjolund, Lee Wedl, Jr.	
Grand Rapids	
Warren Anderson, Niel Dauphinee, Bob Frick, George McKay, Grover Mitchell, Merritt Mitchell, Jim Murphy, Bob Silvis, Bert Slaler, Ed Sisler, Glen Swenson.	
St. Paul Harding	
Gene Lewis, Robert McGee, Don Zafke, Bill Kinzie and Ben del Carlo.	