

1941 MSHSL NORDIC SKI RACING STATE MEET

4 mile (6.4km) Classic Results*

Location:	Theodore Wirth Park, Minneapolis, Mn	Date:	February 8th, 1941
Snow conditions:	While Minneapolis had about ten inches of snow in December, 1940, January brought only three additional inches and no new snow prior to the state meet.	High Temperature:	Race day was in the low twenties on an old, icy snow track. Given the lack of snow, snow may have been trucked in for the competition.

Rank	Name	Grade	Team	Time
1	Jack Chambers	12	Minneapolis West	27:08
2	Charles Banks (Bunkur)	11	Duluth Central	27:13
3	Marvin Zelb	12	Minneapolis Henry	29:58
4	Robert Frick		Grand Rapids	30:07
5	Fred Lang	11	Minneapolis Marshall	30:25
6	Melvin Johnson	11	Duluth Central	31:02
7	Alonzo Plant	11	Minneapolis Henry	32:41
8	Rolf Huggenvik		Northfield	32:51
9	Bert Sisler		Grand Rapids	32:52
10	John Sheeks		Duluth Central	33:05
11	Paul Stavig		Northfield	33:53
12	Maynard Erickson	10	Minneapolis North	33:57
13	Bernard Jones	11	Grand Rapids	34:28
14	Bernard Hahn		St. Paul Vocational	34:55
15	Warren Anderson		Grand Rapids	35:01
16	David Laird		Minneapolis West	36:25
17	Erling Kindem	10	Northfield	36:27
18	James Peterson		Minneapolis North	36:54
19	Warren Hanson		Minneapolis Henry	36:58
20	Richard Brown		University High - Mpls	37:06
21	George Olson		Minneapolis Henry	37:28
22	Dick Woodcock		Minneapolis West	37:48
23	Robert Vader		Minneapolis Henry	39:28
24	Edward Sellgren		Glenwood	39:32
25	Carrol Libby		Grand Rapids	40:17
26	Jim MacRae		Minneapolis West	40:22
27	Jack O'Brien		Minneapolis North	40:22
28	Kingsley Bronson		Minneapolis Marshall	42:19

* Results from the MSHSL handbook 1941-42

The race is listed as 3.5 miles in the Duluth News Tribune article.

Stories of 1941 winner can be found in the Amazon book "Norm Oakvik: The Inconspicuous Coach"

www.amazon.com/dp/B0DX7JZ9SK

Cross-country Team Scores

Place	School	Time	Top Two
1	Duluth Central	58:15	27:13+31:02
2	Minneapolis Henry	62:39	29:58+32:41
3	Grand Rapids	62:59	30:07+:32:52
4	Minneapolis West	63:33	27:08+36:25
5	Northfield	66:44	32:51+33:53
6	Minneapolis North	70:51	33:57+36:54
7	Minneapolis Marshall	72:44	30:25+42:19

Team times may appear different from MSHSL times but they are equivalent. MSHSL times are reported as the total of two skiers, i.e. Henry's time was listed as 61:99 (29:58 + 32:41). This author has rounded the time to the next minute and subtracted 60 seconds from the MSHSL time., i.e. 61:99=62:39.

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Nordic Champ - John Chambers - Minneapolis West



Duluth Central ski team - Nordic and team Champs

Inexplicably, there was no ski team page in the 1941 Duluth Central yearbook. Curling, Ping Pong, Tumbling, Swimming, Cheerleading, Darts and Skating teams all made the cut but nothing about a ski team that had won eight straight state ski titles. The photo below was from the 2/7/1941 Duluth News Tribune prior to the state meet.

Central Skiers Leave Today For State Meet



Duluth Central's ski team, defending state champions, is pictured above preparing for the annual state tournament which will be held in Minneapolis Saturday. Members of the squad are pictured with their coach, Selmer "Slis" Anderson. They include, below, from left to right, Al Ronning, Chuck Bankui, Coach An-

derson, Bob Kern, Mel Johnson, Roger Bailey and John Sheeks. The Trojans gave indications of strong entries in all three events, jumping, slalom and cross-country, here last Saturday when it won the annual 26th district tournament at the Chester Park bowl. The jumping team showed up strong in a three-school field,

with Ronning copping first place and Sheeks second. The first five positions went to the Central squad. The team with Coach Anderson will leave here this noon en route to Minneapolis. Teams from throughout the state will compete in the event, held by the Minnesota State High School league.

