

# 1971 MSHSL NORDIC SKI RACING STATE MEET

## Three mile (one 5km loop) Classic Results

<b>Location:</b>	Pine Valley, Cloquet Mn	<b>Date:</b>	2/20/1971
<b>Snow conditions:</b>	Pine Valley had 25 inches in January and nine inches prior to the state meet, although a warm spell (temps in high 30s, low 40s) changed the snow considerably.	<b>High Temperature:</b>	Temps in the high twenties on race day after an inch and a half of new snow the day before. With an icy track under the new blanket of snow, special wax combinations were employed.

Rank	Name	Grade	Team	Time
1	Tim Heisel	12	Hopkins Eisenhower	22:32
2	Tom Diehl	12	Edina	23:16
3	Dave Ottoson	11	Mpls Edison	24:28
4	Shawn Koos		Armstrong	25:02
5	Pete Hamilton	11	Hopkins Lindbergh	25:18
6	Tim Miller		Edina	25:20
7	Pat Doty		Aurora	25:23
8	Scot Anderson		St. Louis Park	25:29
9	Kim Zander		Richfield	25:31
10	Frank Finsrud		Mpls West	25:34
11	Brad Putnam		Cloquet	NT
12	Dave Vanek		Hopkins Eisenhower	25:47
13	Rod Grozdanich	10	Duluth East	NT
14	Carl Norgren		North St. Paul	NT
15	Fred Bagley		Aurora	26:13
16	Jeff Kulaszewicz		Aurora	NT
17	Rick Bradford		Cloquet	NT
18	Duane Klinge		St. Louis Park	NT
19	Dave McDyson		Lincoln	NT
20	Peter Hoag		Minneapolis North	NT
21	Allen Russell		Richfield	NT
22	Terry Dalahay		Richfield	NT
23	Mark Harmon		Edina	NT
24	Bob Talbott		Robbinsdale	NT
25	Deward Pagel		Minneapolis North	NT

\*Results from the 1971-1972 MSHSL yearbook

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

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Cross-country Team Scores			
Place	School	Pct	Time
1	Hopkins	95.02	48:19
2	Edina	94.24	48:36
3	Aurora Hoyt Lakes	88.99	51:39
4	St. Louis Park	88.73	54:04
5	Cloquet	88.53	55:00
6	Richfield	88.27	55:01
7	Minneapolis Edison	87.77	55:08
8	Robbinsdale Armstrong	87.57	55:55
9	Hopkins Lindbergh	87.04	56:26
10	Minneapolis North	86.77	
11	Duluth East	86.20	
12	Bloomington Lincoln	85.88	
13	Robbinsdale	84.45	
14	Minneapolis West	83.96	
15	North St. Paul	83.60	
16	Mounds View	83.53	



**Tim Heisel - Nordic Champ**

Tim Heisel was a rebel of sorts. Long hair and a bushy beard gave him a look of the beast. Most high school kids could barely grow whiskers, let alone the 'mountain man' look of Heisel. Heisel, a quiet, humble, gentle kid with a big heart, was often misunderstood by other coaches and college recruiters, who knew him only by his beastly appearance. A gifted athlete who learned to ski with Norm Oakvik gave back to the Hopkins team by assisting fledgling coach Pat Lanin in teaching the team (and the coach) the ins and outs of Nordic skiing. His efforts helping Lanin would pay dividends for Hopkins teams for several decades. Heisel would marry Toni St. Pierre, who challenged the MSHSL through a lawsuit brought by the ACLU to allow girls to participate on boys' teams when a girls' team was not available. The ACLU won the suit for St. Pierre, and the High School League immediately began several girls' sports, although Nordic skiing was not added until 1976.





▲ Dave Vanek, Mark Sopher, Tim Heisel, Tom Ziegler, Bob Walkowiak, Jay Duncanson: CROSS COUNTRY.

**Hopkins - Nordic Team  
Champs (left)**

**and**

**Cloquet - Overall Team  
Champs (below)**

**CLOQUET STATE CHAMPION**



**Front Row:** Brent Smith, Coach Mike Marciniak, Ass't. Coach Dave Sylvester, Head Coach Joe Nowak, Slalom Coach John Luomala, John Luomala, Jr.  
**Back Row:** Mike Proulx, Gene Schilling, Brad Putnam, Rick Bradford, Peter Allen, Mike Sobczak.