

# 1955 MSHSL NORDIC SKI RACING STATE MEET

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

<b>Location:</b>	Chester Park	<b>Date:</b>	February 19th, 1955
<b>Snow conditions:</b>	February 1955 was one of the snowiest in Duluth history, with 31" for the month. Six inches of new, wet snow had fallen by race day, making waxing difficult.	<b>High Temperature:</b>	The high temperature hovered around 30 to 32F. The wet snow clung to ski bottoms, and iced up. Pallasmaa claims he ran the whole distance because his skis would not glide.

Rank	Name	Grade	Team	Time
1	Juhani Pallasmaa	12	Minneapolis West	26:16
2	Dennis Borich	10	Duluth Denfeld	27:06
3	David Moe		Minneapolis Edison	28:09
4	Jerry Canfield		Cloquet	28:30
5	Tom Holmstrom		Duluth East	28:34
6	Lenny Smith		Minneapolis Edison	28:37
7	David Peterson		Cloquet	28:40
8	Ken Bragge		Duluth East	28:45
9	Tony Modahl		Duluth Central	29:07
10	Earl Johnson		Minneapolis Roosevelt	29:18
11	Jim Brandt		Minneapolis North	29:46
12	Richard Carlson		Duluth Central	29:47
13	Steve Rieschl		Robbinsdale	29:48
14	Paul Sandstrom		Proctor	29:49
15	Gary Burkhardt		Minneapolis Roosevelt	29:52
16	Robert Youngquist		Duluth Central	30:33
17	Clyde Johnson		Duluth Denfeld	30:48
18	Roger Pull		Minneapolis West	30:52
19	Vernon Goodwait		Glenwood	30:57
20	David Engelsgerd		Minneapolis Roosevelt	31:33

\* Results from the Duluth News Tribune, dated February 20th, 1955

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

Stories of Pallasmaa can be found in Amazon book "Norm Oakvik: The Inconspicuous Coach"

[www.amazon.com/dp/B0DX7JZ9SK](http://www.amazon.com/dp/B0DX7JZ9SK)

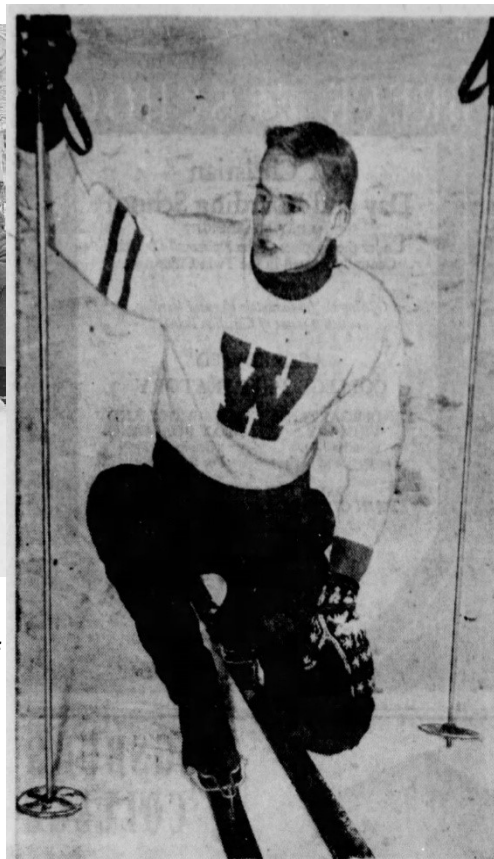
## Cross-country Team Scores

Place	School	Time	Top two
1	Minneapolis Edison	56:46	28:09+28:37
2	Minneapolis West	57:08	26:18+30:52
3	Cloquet	57:10	28:30+28:40
4	Duluth East	57:19	28:34+28:45
5	Duluth Denfeld	57:54	27:06+30:48
6	Duluth Central	58:54	29:07+29:47
7	Minneapolis Roosevelt	59:10	29:18+29:52
8	Minneapolis North	62:33	29:46+32:47

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 45:75 (22:45 + 23:30). This author has rounded the time to the next minute and subtracted 60 seconds from the MSHSL time., i.e. 45:75=46:15.

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### Juhani Pallasmaa (35), a Finnish AFS student at Minneapolis West, leaves start line (below)



**Juhani Pallasmaa (right)** came to West with no athletic background as his skiing in Finland was a form of transportation to and from school. He ran with the cross-country team which improved his fitness for skiing. During the state meet, the sticky snow clung to ski bottoms, causing Juhani to run the entire distance with no glide. He won due to his fall training.