

# 1969 MSHSL NORDIC SKI RACING STATE MEET

## Four mile Classic Results\*

<b>Location:</b>	Chester Bowl, Duluth Mn	<b>Date:</b>	2/15/1969
<b>Snow conditions:</b>	Mother Nature cooperated in Duluth in January with a near record 47 inches of new snow. Only one inch fell in the first two weeks of February but another inch fell on race day.	<b>High Temperature:</b>	Temperatures in February stayed in the high teens and mid-twenties. Race day was a balmy 23F. A blue wax day for most although Pat Page may have had a little green on his ski tips and tails.

Rank	Name	Grade	Team	Time
1	Pat Page	12	Edina	23:07
2	Tim Heisel	10	Hopkins	24:21
3	Mark Heisel	12	Hopkins	24:37
4	Steve Nelson		Cloquet	24:38
5	Dewey Bjork		Aurora	24:39
6	Dan Hayes		Lincoln	24:54
7	Frank Finsrud		Mpls West	25:13
8	Scot Smith		Cloquet	25:17
9	Dick Dovenberg		Robbinsdale	25:27
10	Gary Carlson	12	Hopkins	25:46
11	James Zimmer		Richfield	26:13
12	Steve Brisson	12	Kennedy	26:14
13	Brian Berkner		Ely	26:29
14	Tom Diehl		Edina	26:31
15	Jeff Kalaszeuicz		Aurora	26:39
16	Dave Cherne		Ely	26:48
17	Steve Garlock		Edina	27:23
18	Kim Zander		Richfield	27:50
19	Jerry Hill		Aurora	27:50
20	Jeff Holmberg		St. Louis Park	27:57
21	Chris Overvold		Lincoln	28:05
22	Roger Kneifel		Mpls Edison	28:05
23	Brian Wigdahl		Robbinsdale	28:24
24	Tom Burford		No. St. Paul	28:33
25	Mark Lahtinen	12	Mpls. North	28:34

\*Results from Duluth News Tribune dated February 16th, 1969

Stories of 1969 winner found in Amazon book "Norm Oakvik: The Inconspicuous Coach"

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

## Cross Country Teams (top two)

Place	School	Time	Top two	Pct
1	Hopkins	48:58	24:21+24:37	<b>96.936</b>
2	Cloquet	49:55	24:38+25:17	<b>95.072</b>
3	Edina	49:21	23:07+26:31	<b>96.170</b>
4	Aurora Hoyt Lakes	52:29	24:39+26:39	<b>90.417</b>
5	Bloomington Lincoln	52:59	24:54+28:05	<b>89.581</b>
6	Ely	53:17	26:29+26:48	<b>89.043</b>
7	Robbinsdale	53:51	25:27+28:24	<b>88.134</b>
8	Richfield	54:03	26:13+27:50	<b>87.808</b>

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### **Pat Page - Nordic Champ**

had finished second as a Junior but was not expected to win in 1969 as the Heisel's had routinely beaten him in Lake Conference meets. Pat's brother, Tom, who had finished seventh at Junior Nationals in 1967, helped Pat wax and overcome the Hopkins brothers. While being a promising Nordic skier, Pat turned to racquetball and became a nationally ranked player in that sport.

## Hopkins - Nordic Team Champion

While Mark Heisel had finished third in 1968, ahead of younger brother, in 1969, Tim would finish second and Mark would take third place honors. Waxing appeared to play a role in Page's upset win, otherwise, Heisel might have been a three-time state champion by winning here and again in 1970 and 1971. Waxing always seemed to play into the state ski meet equation.



Above left: Tim Heisel, Above Right: Gary Carlson and Mark Heisel

## Cloquet- 1969 Overall Team Champions

It almost seemed like a broken record, similar to the success that Duluth Central had between 1935 and 1955, Cloquet was winning year in and year out. The difference between Cloquet's success in the 1960s and 1970s was that the sport was becoming quite competitive. When Duluth Central won many of those early state meets, only a handful of teams competed. Cloquet's success was admirable but some might

