

1979 MSHSLGIRLS NORDIC SKI RACING STATE MEET

Five Km Classic Results*

Location:	Sugar Hills, Grand Rapids Mn	Date:	2/10/1979
Snow conditions:	Grand Rapids had about eight inches of snow in January and another two inches the week prior to the state meet with temperatures in the single digits.	High Temperature:	Race day temperatures only reached minus one degrees

Rank	Name	Grade	Team	Time
1	Kelly McDonnell	11	Cooper	18:03
2	Mary Trost		Blaine	18:12
3	Kathy Klungness	11	Burnsville	18:31
4	Lisa Green		Burnsville	18:35
5	Kelly Kimball		Blaine	18:51
6	Teri Schaefer		Blaine	18:54
7	Kelly Lawrence		Grand Rapids	18:55
8	Lori Bocklund		Burnsville	18:56
9	Rae Hoisve		Wayzata	19:12
10	Ann Wittenberg		Blake	19:12
11	Jane Karlen		Blaine	19:13
12	Barb Unzen	10	Cloquet	19:21
13	Cheryl Karlen		Blaine	19:42
14	Linda Gawboy		Aurora Hoyt Lakes	19:55
15	Chris Olin		Stillwater	20:04
16	Ellen Anderson		Stillwater	20:09
17	Gail Ernsberger		Blake	20:13
18	Sandy Hero		Bloomington Lincoln	20:14
19	Kim Moe		Minneapolis Henry	20:34
20	Katrina Karpuszek-Hammond		Blake	20:48
21	Mary Beth Sova		Sauk Rapids	21:04
22	Martha Brown		Bemidji	21:12
23	Mary Idzorek		Minneapolis Southwest	21:12
24	Sara Hansen		Robbinsdale	21:25
25	Mary Brown		Minneapolis Roosevelt	21:50
26	Coreen Spangler		North Branch	21:50
27	Tami Beer		Grand Rapids	22:00
28	Beth Bezat		Minneapolis Washburn	22:28

*Results from Duluth News Tribune February 11th 1979

Stories of 1979 winners can be found in Amazon book "Norm Oakvik: The Inconspicuous Coach"

www.amazon.com/dp/B0DX7JZ9SK

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Cross Country Teams (top three)

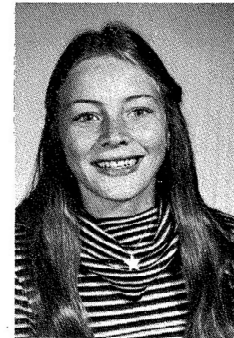
Place	School	Time	Top Four Times
1	Blaine	75:23	18:12+18:51+18:54+19:13
2	Burnsville	76:38	18:31+18:35+18:56+
3	Wayzata	80:59	19:12+
4	Blake	82:13	19:12+20:13+
5	Stillwater	83:11	20:04+20:09+
6	Grand Rapids	85:07	
7	Minneapolis Henry	92:21	
8	Aurora Hoyt Lakes	93:14	

Right: Kelly McDonnell - 1979 Nordic Ski Champ

Kelly McDonnell was described as a "first year" skier in a Star Tribune article summarizing the state meet, but she was anything but that. Kelly, was trained by her father on skis purchased in Norm Oakvik's living, typical of many of the skiers of the 1960s and 1970s. Oakvik may have even given McDonnell and her father some pointers. McDonnell skied in only her junior year with Cooper, taking up Biathlon and quickly rising to national prominence. For many top Nordic skiers, it was a difficult choice to ski on a high school team when national team opportunities were available.



INDIVIDUAL
CROSS COUNTRY
CHAMPION



KELLY McDONNELL
Cooper

BLAINE 1979 STATE CROSS COUNTRY SKIING CHAMPION



First Row, L to R.: Jane Karlen, Joan Funk and Kelly Kimball. Back Row: Cheryl Karlen, Mary Trost, Terri Schaeffer, and Becky Penny.

Above: Blaine Girls Nordic Ski Champions