

1962 MSHSL NORDIC SKI RACING STATE MEET

4 mile (6.4km) Classic Results*

Location:	Chester Park, Duluth Mn	Date:	February 17th, 1962
Snow conditions:	Snow, snow, snow. January produced 14 inches and another 12 inches fell prior to the state meet with ten inches in the last couple of day prior.	High Temperature:	After a couple of days in the mid-twenties, racers faced five degree high temperatures for the state meet. Cold green hard wax.

Rank	Name	Grade	Team	Time
1	Darryl Kurki	11	Duluth Central	24:37
2	Doug Erickson	12	Minneapolis North	25:57
3	Randy Rein		Duluth Central	26:20
4	Gene Shotley	11	Cloquet	26:24
5	Michael Tomsich		Ely	26:43
6	Bruce Moland	12	Duluth East	27:18
7	Doug Berkner		Ely	28:39
8	Gary Berkrich	10	Cloquet	28:41
9	John Miller		Duluth East	29:14
10	Ken Butler		Cloquet	29:33
11	Richard Marolt		Ely	30:10
12	Paavo Pykonnen		Duluth Central	30:13
13	Reinfried Spazier		Richfield	30:22
14T	Bruce Richardson		Minneapolis Henry	30:32
14T	Rick Kangas	10	Minneapolis North	30:32
16	Brian Nissen		Duluth Denfeld	30:33
17	Charles Nimmo		Duluth East	31:11
18	Lary Anderson		Duluth Denfeld	31:15
19	Wayne Miller		Minneapolis Henry	31:37
20	Alan Anderson		Duluth Denfeld	32:08
21	James Strom		Minneapolis Roosevelt	32:10
22	James Ringquist		Fergus Falls	32:13
23	Leonard Wasser		Minneapolis North	32:19
24	Miles Rose		Fergus Falls	32:28
25	Don Mattison		Minneapolis Roosevelt	32:40
26	Dan Engstrom		Minneapolis Henry	33:50
27	Duncan Storlie		Minneapolis West	33:57
28	Douglas Bruce		Minneapolis West	34:16
29	Mike Kupka		Minneapolis Roosevelt	34:35
30	Peter Rogney		Minneapolis Edison	36:37
31	Dick Masterski		Minneapolis Edison	36:42
32	Larry Wahalla		Minneapolis West	39:15
T-33	Vern Pearson		Minneapolis South	40:43
T-33	Tom Namtvedt		Minneapolis Washburn	40:43
35	Keith Rennersfeldt		Minneapolis Roosevelt	40:55
36	Jerome Pesch		Minneapolis Central	41:27
37	Herbert Reiman		Minneapolis Washburn	46:34
38	Richard Otis		Richfield	70:25

* Results from the Duluth News Tribune, dated February 17th, 1963

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

Stories of 1966 Co-winners found in Amazon book "Norm Oakvik: The Inconspicuous Coach"

www.amazon.com/dp/B0DX7JZ9SK

Cross-country Team Scores

Place	School	Time	Top two
1	Duluth Central	50:57	24:37+26:20
2	Cloquet	55:05	26:24+28:41
3	Ely	55:32	26:43+28:39
4	Minneapolis North	56:29	25:57+30:32
5	Duluth East	56:32	27:18+29:14
6	Duluth Denfeld	61:48	30:33+31:15
7	Minneapolis Henry	62:09	30:32+31:37
8	Fergus Falls	64:31	32:13+32:28
9	Minneapolis Roosevelt	64:50	32:10+32:40
10	Minneapolis West	68:13	33:57+34:16
11	Minneapolis Edison	73:19	36:37+36:42
12	Minneapolis Washburn	87:17	40:43+46:34
13	Richfield	100:47	30:22+70:25

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Duluth Central - Nordic and co-team champs was coached by 1942 state Nordic champion, Charles (Charlie) Banks, who built a ski course on his property up by Two Harbors off Homestead Road. Charlie would drive his cross-country team up to his home course, train the boys, feed them dinner and bring them home at dark, and then teach night shop classes at Duluth Central. The jumpers and slalom skiers learned their trade from the Duluth Ski Club and Walter Mattson, who ran the Chester Bowl ski area. Many Duluthian boys were mentored by Mattson, often like a second father to many, and another unsung hero of the 1950s and 1960s.

STATE CO-CHAMPION—ELY



Left to right: Miss Helen B. Lemmer, coach, Bob Colombo, John Pouchnik, Bill Rom, Richard Marolt, Doug Berkner, John Fucci, Mickey Tomisch, Louis Kalan, Bobby Banovetz.

Ely Shares Overall Team Title with Central Helen Lemmer was a 1954 physical education graduate of St. Catherine's University. She was an exceptional teacher and coach to many and the only female coach in boys' skiing in 1962. While the Ely Ski club coaches were primarily responsible for the jumping and cross-country prowess of the team members, Helen did help the slalom team members improve significantly. Helen, an excellent downhill and junior national slalom ski champ, would return to St. Kate's to run the physical education program. Julie McCarthy Napoleon '73, described a story about Helen Lemmer: "From the time I was a physical education major at St. Kate's, and into my professional career, Helen Lemmer was the person who inspired and motivated me to believe that I could do things that I wouldn't have had the confidence to pursue without her encouragement. When a position opened up at St. Kate's, Miss Lemmer (yes, I still always refer to her as Miss Lemmer!) encouraged me to apply, and I received the job. Then when the position of head of the physical education department opened up, she encouraged me to go for it, and I actually became her supervisor. How many people would do that for one of their students? Miss

Unusual Combo for Ely Coach

GIRL SWIMMERS SHARE SPOT WITH BOY SKIERS

By JACK CONNOR
Minneapolis Star Staff Writer

That precision, synchronized swimming Ely's high school girls are displaying in the Minneapolis auditorium this week didn't come easy to them.

"It took hours, weeks and months of practice," says Helen B. Lemmer, phy-ed instructor in the Ely high school. "It requires creative effort and a fine sense of rhythm in music, choreography and dancing, not to mention swimming skill."

Miss Lemmer should know. In the five years

she has "taught school" at Ely she has brought athletic fame of national proportions to the city and its high school.

Her teaching specialties were seemingly quite unrelated — instructor for the boy's skiing team and for the girl's swimming team.

"But actually there is a rather close relation," she said Friday before her girls entered the Auditorium pool for their part in the sportsmen's show stage program. "Both skiing and swimming require development of a fine sense of rhythm."

Miss Lemmer's profi-

ciency in the two sports began as a youngster at Ironwood, Mich. She was skiing at 8, competing at 10 and once won the Central U.S. Ski association downhill slalom combined championship at Ironwood.

She graduated from St. Catherine's college in St. Paul in 1954 and the next year was hired by the Ely school system for its high school phy-ed program.

Her forte was teaching synchronized swimming to girls in both junior and senior high school. Some 40 girls are in her present class. They're called the Ely "Water Babes."

In the past five years they've performed in several AAU meets at the state and national level. Ten of the girls were a feature of the 1959 sportsmen's show, and this year they're back again by popular demand.

As for Miss Lemmer's skiing pupils, four of her Ely boys qualified for the National ski jumping championships at Lake Placid, N. Y., last month. One, Bob Banovetz, captured the National junior crown.

So Ely is basking in athletic fame as well as in the fishing spotlight these recent years.



HELEN B. LEMMER
She combines swimming, skiing