

1967 MSHSL NORDIC SKI RACING STATE MEET

3.6 mile (Two loop 3 km course) Classic Results*

Location:	Chester Bowl, Duluth Mn	Date:	2/18/1967
Snow conditions:	Duluth was blessed with 37 inches of snow in January but a scant 3 inches in February along with the mid-thirties melts. The course was restricted to a tight, narrow, two-lap route around Chester Bowl.	High Temperature:	Warm weather turned two inches of new snow the week before into icy snow when temperatures dropped. The race day high was single digits and the icy track combined with the tight two lap course made for difficulty passing slower skiers.

Rank	Name	Grade	Team	Time
1	Steve Heisel	12	Hopkins	25:09
2	Dave Kern	12	Duluth Central	26:09
3	Brad Hinseth	12	Bloomington Kennedy	26:10
4	Larry Tuomi		Cloquet	26:25
5	Dave Cherne	12	Ely	26:29
6	Tom Page	12	Edina	26:41
7	Greg Jerich	11	Ely	26:47
8	Tom Fyle		Mpls North	26:49
9	Dale Itkonen		Hibbing	27:07
10	Dan Goman		Duluth Central	27:13
11	Charles Easter		Aurora	27:16
12	Don Gjerdegan		Bloomington Kennedy	27:32
13	Terry Oberg		Hopkins	27:38
14	Steve Rosen		Cloquet	27:55
15	Bill Surla		Aurora	27:58
16	Peter Pulk		Bloomington Kennedy	28:03
17	Tom Lund		Hopkins	28:04
18-T	Jim Lundberg	11	Richfield	28:17
18-T	Wayne Nordstrom		Mpls Edison	28:17
18-T	Jerry Bird		Ely	28:17
21	Creighton Cox		Hibbing	28:19
22	James Roehl		Minneapolis Henry	28:49
23	Brad Linn		Richfield	28:59
24	Charles Goman		Duluth Central	29:02
25	Mark Hendrickson		No. St. Paul	29:17

*Results from Duluth News Tribune dated February 21, 1967

Stories of 1967 winner found in Amazon book "Norm Oakvik: The Inconspicuous Coach"

www.amazon.com/dp/B0DX7JZ9SK

Since 1964, the MSHSL had used a Percentage scoring calculation to determine the Overall State Champion. In 1967, they first reported all three events in a percentage rather than by time or point total. **The percentage was based on the first and second place time divided by the best two individual times from each school.** For Hopkin, the Percentage = 25:09+26:09 divided by 25:09+27:38 or 51:18/ 53:12 which equalled 97.19%.

Cross Country Teams (top two)				
Place	School	Time	Top two	Pct
1	Hopkins	53:12	25:09+27:38	97.19
2	Ely	53:16	26:29+26:47	96.31
3	Duluth Central	53:22	26:09+27:13	96.13
4	Bloomington Kennedy	53:42	26:10+27:32	95.53
5	Cloquet	54:03	26:25+27:55	94.42
6	Aurora Hoyt Lahes	55:14	27:16+27:58	92.88
7	Hibbing	55:26	27:16+28:58	92.54
8	Edina	56:33	26:41+30:35	90.5
9	Richfield	57:16	28:17+28:59	89.58
10	Minneapolis North	57:17	Team times estimated from Nordic team percentages.	89.55
11	Minneapolis Edison	58:23		87.87
12	Minneapolis Henry	58:36		87.54
13	North St. Paul	59:20		86.46
14	Robbinsdale	61:26		83.51
15	Virginia	62:08		82.56
16	Minneapolis Roosevelt	63:25		80.89
17	Minneapolis Washburn	63:50		80.37
18	St. Louis Park	64:27		79.6
19	Duluth Denfeld	67.26		76.08
20	Proctor	68:53		74.47
21	Minneapolis South	71:40		71.58
22	Fergus Falls	75:04		68.34

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—(News-Tribune Sportshot)

Steve Heisel, Hopkins, left, won the cross country event and Rick Nelson, Cloquet, was the jumping winner in the ski tournament at Chester Bowl Saturday.

In only their second year of existence, the Hopkins Nordic team won the team title and Steve Heisel won the first of eight individual titles over ten years by Hopkins skiers. Coached by legendary Duluth Central athlete, Norm Kragseth, the Hopkins boys learned from CUSSA coach Norm Oakvik at the annual holiday ski training. Oakvik and Kragseth worked like hand in glove, promoting Nordic ski races through the Minneapolis Park Board at Wirth Flower Gardens. Oakvik would groom the trails, often using the local high school kids to assist, and Kragseth would register and help time the races with Lars Kindem, Minneapolis North coach. Many Minneapolis, Duluth and Cloquet skiers learned technique, waxing and racing tactics from Oakvik and the area coaches that helped him at camps and these coaches were unabashedly supportive to any help Oakvik might give during the season. The accomplishments of Hopkins, and later in 1971 when Hopkins was split into two schools, Eisenhower and Lindbergh, were almost as remarkable as the early success of Duluth Central and Cloquet. Pat Lanin, the new coach at Eisenhower in 1971, would continue to rely on Oakvik and his protoges, like Tim Heisel, to help him get his ski legs and become the successful coach he was.

Hopkings Nordic team champs (below left)

John Draxton, Ron Thompson, Terry Oberg, Steve Heisel, Draxton, Dave Nelson, Scott Waterhouse, Russ Perlich, Tom Lund

First Row:

Second Row: Dean



Cloquet's ski team and Hopkins Nordic teams dominated the State Championships from 1967 to 1976.

CLOQUET—STATE CHAMPION



Cloquet, right, won their third straight team championship.

First Row: Scot Smith, Steve Olson, Steve Rosen, Jim Putnam,

Second Row: Coach Joe Nowak, Jim Quinn, Steve Nelson, Rick Nelso, Larry Tuomi, Coach Brian Johnson,

Third Row: Gene Schilliong, Graf Lesavage, Dennis Nelson, Mike Prouixm, Mike Sobczak