

1964 MSHSL NORDIC SKI RACING STATE MEET

4 mile (6.4km) Classic Results*

Location:	Chester Park	Date:	February 15th, 1964
Snow conditions:	Duluth had close to 10 inches of base snow in January but several thaws prior to the state meet. About 0.5" fell the two days before the meet.	High Temperature:	Race time temperature: 28F, hard blue wax over skare klister kick binder for old, icy snow underneath light snowfall two days before.

Rank	Name	Grade	Team	Time
1	Wade Britzius	12	Minneapolis North	27:21
2	Dave Quinn	10	Cloquet	27:47
3	Rick Kangas	12	Minneapolis North	27:51
4	Don Quinn	10	Cloquet	28:03
5	Gary Berkrich	12	Cloquet	28:17
6	Bruce Wakefield	12	Duluth Central	28:29
7	Erik Sorvig	12	Minneapolis West	29:35
8	George Rounds	11	Richfield	30:13
9	Leonard Wasser	12	Minneapolis North	30:34
10	Doug Edmonson	10	Richfield	30:44
11	Pete Rogney	12	Edison	31:23
12	Charles Nimmo	12	Duluth East	31:32
13	Rick Stephens	12	Edina	31:35
14	Brad Maunders	12	Edina	31:58
15	Rick Nelson	12	Edina	32:02
16	Adian Watt	12	Duluth East	32:04
17	Tom Anderson	12	St. Louis Park	32:10
18	Greg Jerich	9	Ely	33:08
19	John Smith	12	Duluth Central	34:10
20	Russ Kreager	12	Duluth Denfeld	34:19
21	Gary Long	12	Minneapolis Edison	34:20
22	Harlan Haase	12	Bloomington	34:44
23	Jim Reuter	12	St. Louis Park	34:56
24	Richard Krier	12	St. Louis Park	35:10
25	Paul Ryder	12	Bloomington	35:18
26	Mike Feddick	12	Duluth Central	35:35
27	Jeff Brinda	12	Minneapolis Edison	35:39
28	Gary Heinrich	11	Richfield	36:05
29	Doug Peterson	12	Bloomington	36:07
30	Bob Bruce	12	Minneapolis West	36:24

*Top Thirty Results from the Duluth News Tribune, dated February 16th, 1964

Stories of 1964 winner found in Amazon book "Norm Oakvik: The Inconspicuous Coach"

www.amazon.com/dp/B0DX7JZ9SK

Cross-country Team Scores (top two)

Place	School	Time	Top two
1	Minneapolis North	55:12	27:21+27:51
2	Cloquet	55:50	27:47+'28:03
3	Richfield	60:57	30:13+30:44
4	Duluth Central	62:39	28:29+34:10
5	Edina	63:33	31:35+31:58
6	Duluth East	63:36	31:32+32:04
7	Minneapolis Edison	65:43	31:23+34:20
8	Minneapolis West	66:09	29:35+36:24
9	St. Louis Park	67:06	32:10+34:56
10	Ely	69:43	33:08+36:35
11	Bloomington	70:02	34:44+35:18
12	Duluth Denfeld	78:32	34:19+44:13
13	Robbinsdale	86:08	
14	North St. Paul	86:20	
15	Coleraine	86:35	
16	Duluth Morgan Park	88:15	
17	Minnetonka	110:51	



Britzius, coached by Minneapolis North coach Lars Kindem, was also greatly assisted by the CUSSA Nordic coach, Norm Oakvik, who ran an annual holiday training camp at Michigan Tech University. Britzius was the first of thirteen Minneapolis-based skiers to win a state Nordic ski title between 1964 and 1976. For Minneapolis North (team photo below), it was a breakthrough to win the first Nordic team title by a Minneapolis-based school.

Minneapolis North - Nordic Ski Champions



First Row: Jeffrey Kessel, David Lereventz, Lloyd Matson, Barton Parks, Laurel Gulbranson, Roger Loafstrand, Gary Eha, **Second Row:** David Helman, Erling Troswick, Joel Turunen, William Lewis, Charles Niederjoh, Gene Nelson, **Third Row:** John Hols, James Hatch, Kenneth Johnson, Ronald Jacobson, Leonard Wasser, David Addis, John Austin, missing-Wade Britzius

Duluth East - Overall State Ski Champ



First Row: Adrian Watt, John Douglass, Chuck Nimmo, Jim Miller, Tom Lagergren **Second Row:** Duane Miller, Paul Ottinger, Coach Olav Lee, Gary Burton, Barry Morton

Without Adrian Watt's selfless commitment, Duluth East is not the state team champion in 1963, and, in fact, would have had an incomplete score and not even considered for the team title. No, it was not Watt's first place in jumping that mattered so much, but his 16th place finish in the cross-country that really counted for the team. Duluth East only had one cross-country athlete, Charles Nimmo, and they needed two finishers to count in the team score. After winning the jumping competition, Adrian volunteered to race the nearly four mile Chester Park course to help his team to victory.