

1958 MSHSL NORDIC SKI RACING STATE MEET

4 mile (6.4km) Classic Results*

Location:	Chester Park	Date:	February 16th, 1958
Snow conditions:	The winter of 1958 was slim pickings for cross-country skiing with 15 inches in January and barely two inches by mid-February. It was a cold February with only two days above 20F.	High Temperature:	Race day barely inched over the zero degree mark for the start of the race. Conditions were slightly icy but slow on the older powder snow.

Rank	Name	Grade	Team	Time
1	Per Ljungberg	12	Duluth East	25:30
2	Rodney Olssen		Duluth Central	26:32
T-3	Tim Canfield		Cloquet	26:42
T-3	Leroy Martinson		Edina	26:42
5	Tom Smith		Duluth Central	27:05
6	Jussi Kallio		Minneapolis Central	28:27
7	Larry Sorenson	11	Duluth Denfeld	28:32
8	William (Jim) Elsey		Glenwood	28:33
9	Peter Kitchak		Duluth Denfeld	29:14
10	John Butler		Cloquet	29:41
11	Tom Modahl		Duluth Central	29:48
12	Clyde Brodt		Minneapolis North	30:08
13	Doug Wenburg		Minneapolis Roosevelt	30:29
14	Bob Lundberg		Duluth East	30:31
15	Tom Johnson		Duluth Denfeld	30:41
16	Dean Keller		Minneapolis Henry	31:30
17	Tim Mathieson		Grand Marais	31:37
18	Jerry Jutila		Cloquet	31:53
19	John Wheeler		Minneapolis West	32:18
20	Charles Miller		Edina	32:47
21	Howard Thornheim		Washburn	33:05
22	Bill McGregor		Duluth East	33:10
23	Kurth Rethlake		Minneapolis West	33:11
T-24	Richard Joynes		Grand Marais	33:17
T-24	James Vegoe		Glenwood	33:17
26	Vernon Goodweit		Glenwood	33:19
27	Gus Boe		Washburn	33:34
28	Ted Grosseth		Washburn	33:41
29	James Mayer		South St. Paul	33:55
30	Richard Swanson		Minneapolis Roosevelt	34:50
31	Dean Goewey		South St. Paul	35:37
32	Richard Clark		Minneapolis Edison	35:44

33	Lee Holmer		Minneapolis North	35:50
34	Mike Ziaska		Minneapolis West	40:55
35	John Matson		Orr	41:25
36	Dick Halverson		Minneapolis North	52:44

* Results from the Duluth News Tribune, dated February 16th, 1958

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

Stories of 1958 winners found in Amazon book "Norm Oakvik: The Inconspicuous Coach"

www.amazon.com/dp/B0DX7JZ9SK

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Cross-country Team Scores

Place	School	Time	Top two
1	Duluth Central	53:37	26:32+27:05
2	Duluth East	56:01	25:30+30:31
3	Cloquet	56:23	26:42+29:41
4	Duluth Denfeld	57:46	28:32+29:14
5	Edina	59:32	26:42+32:47
6	Glenwood	61:50	28:33+33:17
7	Minneapolis Roosevelt	64:19	30:29+34:50
8	Grand Marais	64:54	31:37+33:17
9	Minneapolis West	65:29	32:18+33:11
10	Minneapolis North	65:58	30:08+35:50
11	Washburn	66:39	33:28+33:41
12	South St. Paul	69:32	33:55+35:37
13	Minneapolis Henry	ns	31:30+?

Per Ljungberg was a Swedish Foreign Exchange Student (AFS) who attended Duluth East in the 1957-1958 school year.

Cross Country Champion



Per Ljungberg, Duluth East



Duluth Central Nordic Champs (above)
 Team Photo: Front Row: A. Simonson, T. Modahl, T. Smith, G. Kotlarek, Back Row: R. Smith, C. Salmela, C. Berg, Coach Charlie Banks

**Duluth Central - Overall Co-State
Champion (right)**



Cloquet - Overall Co-State Champion

Team Photo (left): Front Row: Leland Miesbauer, Dale Finholm, Gerald Jubila
Back Row: Coach Gilmour Pike, Tom Canfield, David Jenkins, John Butler

Duluth Central, coached by Charlie Banks, was co-champions with Cloquet and he would coach several more state individual champs. While their star was waning, Cloquet's was rising rapidly, even with first-year coach Gilmour Pike. Veteran jumper, Joe Nowak, would take over, build a ski park with all three events at Pine Valley in Cloquet, and start an unbelievable streak of thirteen state titles from 1964 to 1976.