

# 1951 MSHSL NORDIC SKI RACING STATE MEET

## 4 mile (6.4km) Classic Results\*

<b>Location:</b>	Chester Bowl, Duluth Mn	<b>Date:</b>	2/3/1951
<b>Snow conditions:</b>	January, 1951, was a rough winter with only seven inches of snow but a half inch of new snow arrived just in time for the state meet.	<b>High Temperature:</b>	After an overnight low of -20F, the temperature warmed to 17F by mid-afternoon.

Rank	Name	Grade	Team	Time
1	Don MacDonell	11	Duluth Central	26:41
2	Franklin Richter	11	Cloquet	27:21
3	Jack Wangenstein		Duluth East	27:43
4	Tom Patterson	11	Cloquet	29:42
5	Duane Gurneau		Cloquet	29:11
6	Glen Fox		Duluth Denfeld	29:33
7	Jim Nygaard	11	Duluth Central	29:43
8	Edward Sobotzak		Greenway	30:14
9	Dennis Ojakangas		Grand Rapids	31:01
10	Jerry Flynn		Cloquet	31:14
11	Ronald Hammerstrom	11	Duluth Denfeld	31:15
12	Duane Serman		Duluth Denfeld	31:29
13	Larry Johnson		Proctor	31:42
14	Gordon Sathre		Dassel	31:59
15	Roy Castellano		Greenway	32:02
16	Roger Stenberg		Duluth Central	32:06
17	Charles McDonald		Duluth Central	32:11
18	Robert Munter		Dassel	33:28
19	Gordon Holm		Grand Rapids	33:48
20	Earl Liljegren		Duluth Denfeld	34:35
21	Ted Waldo		Duluth East	37:59
22	Loren Johnson		Greenway	38:31
23	Jack Modahl		Duluth Central	39:18
24	Dale Hanson		Morgan Park	42:29
25	Ed Buck		Grand Rapids	43:02

Fifty three starters were listed in the February 4th Duluth News Tribune

\* Results from the Duluth News Tribune, dated February 5th, 1950

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

Stories of 1951 winner can be found in Amazon book "Norm Oakvik: The Inconspicuous Coach"

[www.amazon.com/dp/B0DX7JZ9SK](http://www.amazon.com/dp/B0DX7JZ9SK)

## Cross-country Team Scores

Place	School	Time	Top two
1	Cloquet	56:13	27:21+29:42
2	Duluth Central	56:24	26:41+29:43
3	Duluth Denfeld	60:48	29:33+31:15
4	Greenway	62:16	30:14+32:02
5	Grand Rapids	64:49	31:01+33:48
6	Duluth East	65:02	27:43+37:59

Team times may appear different from MSHSL times but they are equivalent. MSHSL times are reported as the total of two skiers, i.e. Duluth Central's time is listed as 55:84 (26:41 + 29:43). This author has rounded the time to the next minute and subtracted 60 seconds from the MSHSL time., i.e. 55:84=56:24.

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### Don MacDonell (left) Individual Champion and Cloquet Nordic and Overall Team Champions

Team photo:

**First Row: G. Flynn, J. Luomala, S. Benson, F. Richter, t. Patterson**

**Second Row: B. Olson, A. Poelsz, G. Green, D. Gurneau**

After eight straight Duluth Central overall team championships, Cloquet finally broke through with their first state ski championship. Led by Frank Richter, Tom Patterson and Duane Gurneau, Cloquet took three of the top five cross-county spots behind Duluth Central's Don MacDonell. Richter was quite the skier, taking the slalom event the day prior. Cloquet won the overall team competition handily over second place Duluth Denfeld and third place teams, Coleraine and Central. It was the beginning of a team dynasty. Cloquet would win again in 1952, but it would take another 12 years before Cloquet dominated for most of the 1960s and 1970s.

