

1942 MSHSL NORDIC SKI RACING STATE MEET

Approx. 3.5 miles (6 km) Classic Results*

Location:	Chester Park, Duluth Minnesota	Date:	February 14th, 1942
Snow conditions:	The weather leading up to the state meet was mid-20s with light snow.	High Temperature:	Race day high was 25 degrees F with a light dusting of snow.

Rank	Name	Grade	Team	Time
1	Charlie Banks (Bankui)	12	Duluth Central	30:15
2	Fred Lang	12	Minneapolis Marshall	33:55
3	Jack Holmberg	11	Duluth Central	34:10
4	Harry Hall	12	Duluth Central	35:15
5	Melvin Johnson	12	Duluth Central	35:33
6	George Hovland	11	Duluth Central	37:15
7	George McKay		Grand Rapids	39:10
8	Don Swanson		Minneapolis North	39:40
9	Maynard Erickson	12	Minneapolis North	40:55
10	Caroll Libbey		Grand Rapids	41:48
11	Merlin Thompson		Ely	42:26
12	Paul Stavig	11	Northfield	43:33
13	William Gould		Coleraine	43:42
14	R. Barclay		Minneapolis North	43:54
15	Richard Kline		Grand Rapids	45:13
16	Don Sticker		Duluth Denfeld	45:35
17	Rolf Huggenvik		Northfield	46:20
18	Warren Anderson		Grand Rapids	46:35
19	E. Lind	11	Duluth Denfeld	47:51
20	Robert Gould		Coleraine	47:52
21	Lavern Young	11	Coleraine	48:01
22	Harry Brusel		Duluth Denfeld	48:18
23	Robert Silvis		Grand Rapids	48:23
24	Erling Kindem	11	Northfield	50:20
25	Jim Egan		Duluth Central	58:14
26	Robert Hedloff		Ely	76:50

* Results from the MSHSL yearbook, 1942-43

The race is listed as 3.5 miles in the Duluth News Tribune article, but the times suggest it was 4 or 4.5 miles.

Stories of Charlie Banks can be found in Amazon book "Norm Oakvik: The Inconspicuous Coach"

www.amazon.com/dp/B0DX7JZ9SK

Cross-country Team Scores

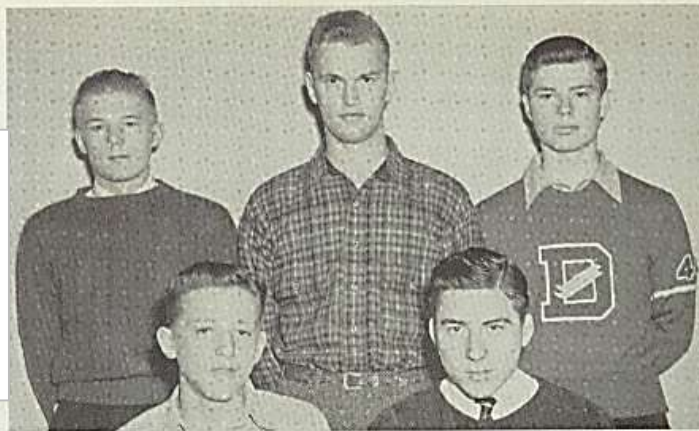
Place	School	Time	Top Two
1	Duluth Central	64:25	30:15+34:10
2	Minneapolis North	80:35	39:40+40:55
3	Grand Rapids	80:58	39:10+41:48
4	Northfield	89:53	43:33+46:20
5	Coleraine	91:34	43:42+47:52
6	Ely	119:16	42:26+76:50

Team times may appear different from MSHSL times but they are equivalent. MSHSL times are reported as the total of two skiers, i.e. North's time is listed as 79:95 (39:40+40:55). This author has rounded the time to the next minute and subtracted 60 seconds from the MSHSL time., i.e. 79:95=80:35.

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1942 State Nordic Champions - Duluth Central

Front Row: George Hovland, Jack Holmberg
Second Row: Chuck Bankui, Mel Johnson, Bob Magney



1942 State Nordic Champion - Charles Banks

Charles Bankui was the son of Minnesota Finn, who found his calling in Nordic skiing. Bankui would join the US, Navy shortly after high school, changing his name from the Finnish Bankui to an Americanized "Banks". After service to his country, Banks would get a teaching degree in Industrial Arts and land a job with Duluth Central, assisting legendary ski coach, Rudy Sabo, who had won multiple state ski team titles and had numerous individual champions. Banks would take over in 1956 and win several more team titles. Banks, who lived near Two Harbors on Korkki Road, built his own cross-country trail and would drive his team out to his place for practice, feed them, drive them back to school and then teach an evening shop class. Banks' ski trail was host to the 1967 Junior Nationals championship, the first year that girls would compete in a national competition. It would take another nine years before the Minnesota State High School League would sponsor a girl's state meet in 1976.



