

1957 MSHSL NORDIC SKI RACING STATE MEET

4 mile (6.4km) Classic Results*

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| Location: | Chester Park | Date: | February 16th, 1963 |
| Snow conditions: | Duluth only had five inches of snow in January but nearly a foot in early February. The icing on the cake was three inches of new snow the day before the state meet. | High Temperature: | Race day temperature was only eight degrees above. After an overnight low of eight degrees, a cold front kept the temperatures in single digits. |

| Rank | Name | Grade | Team | Time |
|------|---------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| 1 | Karl Bohlin | 12 | Minneapolis North | 22:39 |
| 2 | Rodney Olson | | Duluth Central | 25:03 |
| 3 | Dennnis Borich | 12 | Duluth Denfeld | 25:52 |
| 4 | Peter Kitchak | | Duluth Denfeld | 26:15 |
| 5 | Ken Bragge | | Duluth East | 26:24 |
| 6 | Tom Miller | | Minneapolis West | 26:45 |
| 7 | Gary White | | Cloquet | 27:01 |
| 8 | Tom Smith | | Duluth Central | 27:23 |
| 9 | Tim Canfield | | Cloquet | 27:33 |
| 10 | John Lundberg | | Minneapolis Roosevelt | 27:45 |
| 11 | John Butler | | Cloquet | 28:07 |
| 12 | Gordon Ruthford | | Duluth East | 28:36 |
| 13 | Larry Haefner | | Minneapolis West | 28:44 |
| 14 | Douglas Wenborg | | Minneapolis Roosevelt | 28:45 |
| 15 | Bill Becker | | Minneapolis Henry | 28:48 |
| 16 | Rudy Gulstrand | | Minneapolis West | 29:00 |
| 17 | William (Jim) Elsey | | Glenwood | 29:03 |
| 18 | Charles Miller | | Edina | 30:09 |
| 19 | Donald Nygaard | | Duluth Central | 30:16 |
| 20 | Dave Eide | | Glenwood | 30:39 |
| 21 | Dennis Winton | | Minneapolis Roosevelt | 31:03 |
| 22 | Arnie Alnou | | Minneapolis South | 31:06 |
| 23 | Tim Mathiason | | Grand Marais | 32:42 |
| 24 | Richard Joynes | | Grand Marais | 33:09 |
| 25 | Phil Arneson | | Fergus Falls | 33:20 |
| 26 | Mike Brown | | Edina | 33:52 |
| 27 | Jim Meyer | | So. St. Paul | 34:24 |
| 28 | Roger Felton | | So. St. Paul | 35:30 |
| 29 | Howard Thorsheim | | Washburn | 36:02 |
| 30 | John Matson | | Orr | 36:04 |

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| 31 | Ted Geseth | | Washburn | 36:26 |
| 32 | Ron Soloman | | Duluth Denfeld | 36:39 |
| 33 | Richard Kavaloski | | So. St. Paul | 37:33 |
| 34 | John Fetvedt | | Fergus Falls | 37:34 |
| 35 | Ronald Alstad | | Fergus Falls | 38:13 |
| 36 | Matthew Dragonstiller | | Cook | 38:26 |
| 37 | Bruce Hagen | | Minneapolis Henry | 40:41 |
| 38 | Ronald Beger | | Orr | 42:29 |
| 39 | John Ekstrom | | Washburn | 45:49 |

* Results from the Duluth News Tribune, dated February 16th, 1957

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

Stories of Karl Bohlin are 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 Denfeld | 52:07 | 25:52+26:15 |
| 2 | Duluth Central | 52:26 | 25:03+27:23 |
| 3 | Cloquet | 54:34 | 27:01+27:33 |
| 4 | Duluth East | 55:00 | 26:24+28:36 |
| 5 | Minneapolis West | 55:29 | 26:45+28:44 |
| 6 | Minneapolis Roosevelt | 56:30 | 27:45+28:45 |
| 7 | Glenwood | 59:42 | 29:03+30:39 |
| 8 | Edina-Morningside | 63:51 | 30:09+33:42 |
| 9 | Grand Marais | 65:51 | 32:47+33:09 |
| 10 | Minneapolis Henry | 68:49 | 28:48+40:01 |
| 11 | So. St. Paul | 69:54 | 34:24+35:30 |
| 12 | Fergus Falls | 70:54 | 33:20+37:34 |
| 13 | Washburn | 72:28 | 36:02+36:26 |
| 14 | Orr | 74:32 | |

69:29

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Team times may appear different from MSHSL times but they are equivalent. MSHSL times are reported as the total of two skiers, i.e. West's time is listed as 54:89 (26:45+ 28:44. This author has rounded the time to the next minute and subtracted 60 seconds from the MSHSL time., i.e. 54:89=55:29.



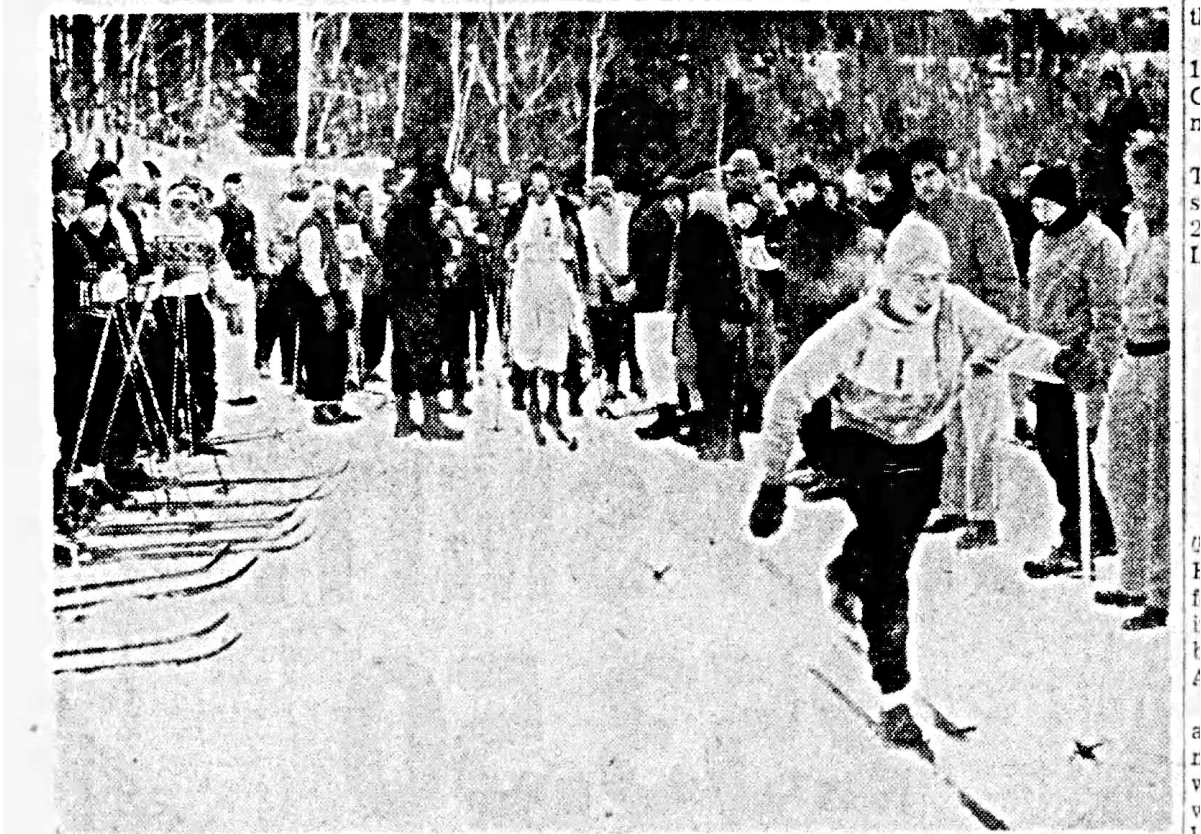
1957 State XC Champ - Karl Bohlin

Karl Bohlin surprised Dennis Borich with an upset win but Bohlin's secret weapon was the club coaching from Norm Oakvik, CUSSA junior Nordic coach. Also surprising was the first place finish of Duluth Denfeld in Nordic



Duluth Denfeld - 1957 State Nordic Champion **First Row:**
Coach/AD Ray Mickolajak, Bob Prettner, Larry Sorenson, Dennis
Borich **Second Row: Paul Johnson,**

skiing. Duluth Denfeld was a surprise team champion in 1957 after placing third in their District 26 ski meet the week before. Their success relied upon a first-place finish by Dennis Borich in cross-country, Bob Prettner and Dave Rodlund's top ten slalom finishes, and future cross-country champion, Larry Sorenson's 10th place finish, in the jumping. Sorenson, who did not really have a knowledgeable high school coach, but would also get training and technique tips from Oakvik at holiday training camps. Bohlin would make the 1960 and 1964 Olympic teams and ski with Sorenson on the 1962 FIS Nordic team at Falun, Sweden.



John Ekstrom of Washburn was first starter with others lined up to left.