

FIFTH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

CANADIAN AMATEUR SKI ASSOCIATION

AT THE Annual Meeting of the Canadian Amateur Ski Association held in Ottawa in February, 1924, the Ottawa Ski Club was awarded the championships for the following season, but unfortunately they could not make satisfactory arrangements with the civic authorities to have the use of their hill, and so the Fifth Annual Tournament was transferred to Montreal. The jumping was held on the Cote des Neiges Hill on the afternoon of February 21, and as is customary, the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Amateur Ski Association was held at the Windsor Hotel in the morning. The weather was not all that could have been desired, as the day opened clear but mild, just a little below freezing. At three o'clock it started snowing, one of those nasty, wet snows, and this quickly turned into rain, a real hard, pouring rain and this kept up during all the competition. While there was a good attendance, had the weather kept clear, there would undoubtedly have been a record crowd to see the fine exhibition given by the large list of entrants. The official results will be found on the following pages.



NORMAN BERGER, WINNING U. S. EAST CHAMPIONSHIP, BRATTLEBORO, VT.
FEBRUARY 18, 1925, WITH 177, 179 AND 162 FT. ALL STANDING.

Considering the bad weather, the results were nothing short of remarkable, as out of 95 jumps there were only seven falls, and the rain all the while coming down so hard that the hill towards the end was a running river. The results prove again that the Montreal hill, while not a long jumping one, is one of the very finest, and to win on it demands the best of style as well as good distance. The winner again this year was Norman Berger, who by his fine all-round season's performance, establishes himself unquestionably as one of the most consistent and strongest jumping men on this continent. His style is always a joy to watch and he uses his head as well as his natural gifts and experience. Close behind Berger came Hans Hansen, a celebrated jumper from Minneapolis, and one of the team that represented the United States at the Olympic Games at Chaminouk. Anderson, from Berlin Mills, had hard

luck on falling just before the dead line after making a magnificent second jump of 137 feet, the longest of the day and the record of this hill, and had he held this jump, the championship might have moved to our good friends and neighbors across the line, but such is luck, and Anderson took his bad fortune with his usual good sportsmanship. Another splendid performer introduced himself at this meeting, Johansen, also of the Nansen Club, who would have won this year the all-round championship had it been awarded. His style and strength are very fine indeed. Andersen jumped in his usual consistent form and was placed fourth.

Leonard Lehan, one of our home-bred lads, came next, and if he would follow Berger's example and use his head a little more he would finish higher up in his big events.

Alex. Olsen, the daddy of them all, gave an excellent all-round performance. Last winter his small son, aged around three, made his first appearance on skis, and soon we will have him coming over the big jump, so his father says.

The younger boys all did well and showed improvement in strength and form over the previous year.

The average style of all the contestants was very fine indeed, and we can well be pleased to see the way the Canadian ski-jumpers are developing and carrying on the best traditions of the sport.

The judging, as usual, was most capably handled by Messrs. Lockeberg, Elliot and Tollefsen.

In the evening the Montreal Ski Club gave a stag dinner at the Mount Royal Hotel that was a most enjoyable occasion. Jimmy Rice and other well-known entertainers kindly gave their services, and the many ski celebrities present were called on by the Chairman, Mr. A. C. Harlow, for a few words or a story. It was the best of many jolly dinners given by the Montreal Club, and the guests, numbering over a hundred, voted it a success in every way. Meanwhile Mrs. Wendt and her Ladies' Committee of the Club were entertaining the visiting ladies at dinner at the new Club House and later on in the evening they were joined by the diners from the Mount Royal who rushed over at the first opportunity in taxis, and all danced until early in the morning.

The weather man turned over another leaf in his book and Sunday was a most perfect winter's day. Brilliant sun shining and the temperature just above zero, a complete and welcome change indeed from the previous day. The crowd for Shawbridge filled the two special cars, and on the way up, as is usual, the entries for the cross-country championships were made up, numbers drawn and other details arranged, so that the race was started soon after the train arrived.

CANADIAN AMATEUR SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS

February 21, 1925

		SKI JUMPING	DISTANCE			POINTS	
Norman Berger	-	Montreal Ski Club	-	132	128	122	18.61
Hans Hansen	-	Minneapolis M.S.C.	-	126	131	123	17.94
J. Johansen	-	Nansen Ski Club	-	125	124	116	17.93
E. Andersen	-	Nansen Ski Club	-	119	123	119	17.68
L. Lehan	-	Montreal Ski Club	-	113	121	119	17.51
Alex. Olsen	-	Montreal Ski Club	-	112	112	100	16.69
G. Dupuis	-	Cliffside Ski Club	-	98	123	120	16.60
C. Anderson	-	Nansen Ski Club	-	126	137f	127	15.60
G. Stroud	-	Montreal Ski Club	-	100	104	99	15.55
C. A. Proctor	-	Dartmouth Ski Club	-	110	101	106	15.49
W. Poitras	-	Ottawa Ski Club	-	103	104	100	15.48
R. Whittall	-	Montreal Ski Club	-	102	111	100	15.43

SKI JUMPING				DISTANCE			POINTS
C. Clarke	-	-	Ottawa Ski Club	94	105	100	14.95
P. Miller	-	-	Montreal Ski Club	89	93	90	14.43
T. Beaubien	-	-	Mt. Royal Ski Club	100	89	92	14.17
M. Miller	-	-	Montreal Ski Club	100f	113	108	14.01
J. M. Rousell	-	-	Cliffside Ski Club	79	105	96	13.91
Rutherford	-	-	McGill Ski Club	97	92	84	13.90
J. Denis	-	-	Ottawa Ski Club	95	93	85	13.66
T. Peat	-	-	Ottawa Ski Club	96	93	95	13.54
A. Pinault	-	-	Ottawa Ski Club	90	86	88	13.38
L. Lefebvre	-	-	Cliffside Ski Club	94	116f	101	12.94
C. O. Every	-	-	Montreal A.A.A.	87	95	84	12.90
I. Wener	-	-	Briarcliff Ski Club	106f	102	96	12.82
H. Smith	-	-	McGill Ski Club	87	91	83	12.38
J. Pash	-	-	Ottawa Ski Club	106f	100	99	12.38
E. Larsen	-	-	T.R. Ski Club	106	101	97f	12.09
J. Martin	-	-	McGill Ski Club	101	114f	107	11.43
J. B. Weir	-	-	Montreal Ski Club	89	93	90	10.09
W. C. Sproule	-	-	Montreal Ski Club	88	91	85f	10.08
R. M. Mooney	-	-	Dartmouth Ski Club	88f	91	85	9.83

Judges appointed by the Canadian Amateur Ski Association: Chris. Tollefsen, H. Elliot, S. R. Lockeberg.

February 22, 1925

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI RACING (12 Miles)				POINTS		
J. Johansen	-	-	Nansen Ski Club	-	-	1.17.10
Alex. Olsen	-	-	Montreal Ski Club	-	-	1.21.03
O. Moore	-	-	Cliffside Ski Club	-	-	1.21.09
F. Taylor	-	-	Ottawa Ski Club	-	-	1.24.24
J. Beaubien	-	-	Mount Royal Ski Club	-	-	1.25.05
T. Reid	-	-	Ottawa Ski Club	-	-	1.26.21
Oakerlund	-	-	Nansen Ski Club	-	-	1.26.50
T. Farwell	-	-	Dartmouth Ski Club	-	-	1.28.05
K. West	-	-	Ottawa Ski Club	-	-	1.32.21
E. T. Christiansen	-	-	Toronto Ski Club	-	-	1.33.41
A. L. Wilson	-	-	Toronto Ski Club	-	-	1.34.35
L. Bourgault	-	-	Ottawa Ski Club	-	-	1.34.47
L. Grimes	-	-	Ottawa Ski Club	-	-	1.39.26
M. Putnam	-	-	Toronto Ski Club	-	-	1.42.25
G. Hamilton	-	-	Cliffside Ski Club	-	-	1.43.16
J. Blair	-	-	Ottawa Ski Club	-	-	1.47.08
L. Brault	-	-	Ottawa Ski Club	-	-	1.55.58
H. T. Cliff	-	-	Toronto Ski Club	-	-	2.02.06
I. Sutherland	-	-	Ottawa Ski Club	-	-	2.02.22
W. A. Mattson	-	-	Mount Royal Ski Club	-	-	2.03.22

The course ran back around by the boys' farm, across the river over the big hills west of St. Sauveur, then returned back of the big hill across to the height of land to the south, passing Labelle and finishing in the village just beyond the Laurentian Lodge. It was a fine course, offering a good test of all-round ski running, and near a full twelve miles in length. The snow was in grand condition, lightning fast, too fast, in fact, for many on the long hills, and record time was made.

Johansen, of Ber'in Mills, gave a remarkable exhibition, taking the fastest runs at full speed with no braking, and casually jumping over the occasional fence without checking his speed. He is certainly one of the finest all-round ski men seen around Montreal in many years, and finishing perfectly fresh, well deserved his splendid victory.

Second came our old and reliable friend, Alex. Olsen, who shows as good form over country as he does on the jumping hill.

Moore, of the Cliffside Club, finished a good third and has every mark of a fine cross-country ski man.

Putnam, of Toronto, last year's winner, had an unfortunate and unusual experience. Shortly after the start he got a bad fall, and from then on until the finish of the race he had no recollection of being in the race. His mind was a complete blank, but after something to drink and a rest, he was quite all right again.

It is getting more and more difficult to induce our younger lads to seriously go in for cross-country racing, and the result is that the fields are getting smaller each year, and something will have to be done to bring back the interest again to this branch of the sport, as there is nothing that tests out the all-round capabilities of a ski-er more fairly than our cross-country racing over mountain country with plenty of down-hill running.

Quite a number from Ottawa spent the day at Shawbridge, and, while the race was being run, took a long trip over the mountain to the big hill back of the Piedmont valley. All agreed it one of the very finest trips ever, and it was a pleasure to show Mrs. Dixon, Miss Dillon, Miss O'Connor, Capt. Joe Morin, Alex. Snowden and the others some of our open country that they had heard so much about, and the dinner at Mrs. Marshall's at 3 p.m. was not hard to take, and a very jolly affair. All things and the vagaries of the weather considered, the Fifth Annual Tournament of the Association will be voted a success, particularly by those fortunates who enjoyed the gorgeous day at Shawbridge.

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