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BANFF, Alta., March 6—Howard Chivers, 20-year-old Dartmouth University sophomore, outdistanced a crack International field on Friday afternoon to win the Dominion championship cross country race, opening event of the Canadian Amateur Ski Association's annual tournament, at the Mount Norquay ski camp.

Another title went to the United States when the second and concluding event of the day's schedule, the Western Canada ladies' slalom, was captured by Grace Carter, of Tacoma, a member of the 1936 United States Olympic team.

The weather was colder Friday and snow conditions were better. Lowering clouds and a slight trace of snow in the afternoon brought hopes of a badly-needed snow fall.

Chivers, who first gained National prominence in the United States last year, scored a brilliant victory in the cross country. He covered the 9.9 miles in one hour 23 minutes and 8.8 seconds, bettering the time of Sverre Kolterud, Norway's lone but formidable entrant, by approximately 27 seconds. In third place, 13.4 seconds behind Kolterud, was Walter Prager of Switzerland, coach of the Dartmouth University Outing Club, and an internationally-famous skier for more than seven years. Laurie Tulkku, of Huntsville, Ontario, finished fifth, one minute and 19 seconds behind Chivers, to lead the Canadians and in doing so provided the race with most of its drama. Tulkku arrived with Arnold Back of Sudbury, last year's titleholder, just before the start of the race.

Choosing rather to spend the time waxing his ski, Tulkku sacrificed having a badly-needed meal. Starting last, he finished fifteenth in a field of 32, leading a large number of higher-rated contestants, among whom were Arnold Kaech of the Swiss Universities team; Back, Tom Mobraaten of Vancouver and Karl Baadsvik, Toronto, members of Canada's 1936 Olympic squad; Hjalmar Hvam, the "Portland Express" and Alf Lindley, Minneapolis, of the last American Olympic team.

Two Championships Today

Two more championships are being decided today. At 10 o'clock this morning the Dominion men's slalom championship, with a ponderous entry of 57, got underway and at 4 o'clock this afternoon the ladies' Western Canadian downhill is slated to begin.

Two events and perhaps three are on schedule for Sunday. The Dominion championship ski jumping starts at 10 o'clock in the morning; if there is time there will be an exhibition slalom exhibition at 1 o'clock and at 2:30 the Western Canada men's downhill championship will be decided.

Prior to the race, all in the cross country were given a medical examination by Dr. G. M. Atkin, of Banff, who pronounced every man to be in perfect physical condition.

Sydney Smith, of Vancouver, had the honor of beginning the 1937 Dominion championships. However, it was a dubious recognition as it meant he would have to break the trail for the rest of the racers.

At the end of the first three laps, it appeared that unless misfortune overtook them, Chivers, Prager and Kolterud would certainly be near the top when the race concluded. The American started 26th and was 15th at the end of the first round, ninth at the end of the second and was fifth man to finish.

Kolterud started fourth and before the 31st man had started, was beginning his second round, having passed his three predecessors. He was still ahead at the third and finished the same. Prager was starter No. 7, was up to third place at the beginning of the second lap and was second to finish.

Friday's results, in order, were as follows, Dominion championship cross country:

Howard Chivers, Dartmouth; Sverre Kolterud, Norway; Walter Prager, Switzerland; Henry Sotvedt, Wells, B.C.; Alf Johansen, Kimberley; A. Back, Sudbury; Magni Leheim, Edmonton; Tom Mobraaten, Vancouver; V. Cousineau, Laurentian; Hjalmar Hvam, Portland; K. Gegseth, Wells, B.C.; Victor Skaik, Kimberley; Karl Baadsvik, Toronto; A. D. Lindley, Minneapolis; Einar Ellingruud, Vancouver; Brian P. Moore, Vancouver; Lloyd Bennison, Banff; Eddie Burton, Vancouver; Sam Evans, Banff; Percy Burton, Van-

couver; Sydney Smith, Vancouver; Bob Johnson, Banff.

Skiers in Civilian Clothes Dash From Train to Compete in Ski Race

BANFF, March 6.—(Special).—After skiers had been waxing and warming up for three hours and the officials had gathered to start the race, two men in civilian clothes dashed into Norquah Ski Camp yesterday at 12:15 to go in the cross-country race. They turned out to be A. Back, of Sudbury, Ontario, and L. Tulkku, of the Viking Ski Club.

The former won the Dominion cross-country last year and the latter placed third. They had just arrived on the train, and without practice and without proper clothing they had to wax hurriedly to enter. Back had been drawn to start among the first racers and Tulkku was a post entry, but the other contestants agreed to let them start as the last two; numbers 33 and 34. They had had no breakfast or lunch before they started and no knowledge of the country they were to race in. In spite of these handicaps they put up very good races against a field of crack international competition. Tulkku placed fifth and Back ninth in a field of 34 entries.