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Gillespie Retains Cross-Country Title

Bud Gourlay of Banff Wins National Junior Downhill, Noel Paul Junior Jumping

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Steaming along at an approximate speed of seven miles per hour, Gault Gillespie, machine-like marathoner from Montreal, successfully defended his Canadian cross-country championship as the 1940 Dominion ski tournament got under way at the Mount Norquay ski camp yesterday.

Sharing honors with the sturdy runner from the Laurentian Cross-Country Ski Club were Hugh (Bud) Gourlay of Banff and Noel Paul of Princeton, B.C.

Gourlay captured the national junior downhill title and Paul scored a decisive victory in the junior jumping competition.

Favored by excellent conditions, the tournament got off to a flying start, and the spectators were treated to some brilliant ski-ing by the collection of starry performers from all across Canada.

The only dark spot was the accident in which Peter Vajda, instructor for the Edmonton Ski Club and formerly a member of the Swiss universities ski team, suffered a broken thigh-bone when he crashed into an upgoing bus while dashing down the gully trail.

Vajda, winner of the Canadian Rockies combined downhill and slalom championship here two weeks ago, was entered in the same two events in the Dominions and ranked as one of the favorites.

Gillespie covered the 11-mile cross-country course in one hour 41 minutes and 11 seconds, to finish with a two and a half minute margin over Viateur Cousineau, all-round performer from Esterell, Que. Third place went to Einar Ellingrud of the Hollyburn Pacific Ski Club, Vancouver, and Ole Johannsen of Copper Mountain, B.C., wound up in fourth position.

Stan Peyto, Banff, winner of the Canadian Rockies and Alberta championships this year, came sixth. Fifteen runners started in the race, and 11 finished. The course proved a real test because of the way it was laid out and the tricky conditions.

"SURE HAD FUN"



SKI CHAMPIONS—Winners of the opening competitions as the Dominion Ski Championships got under way at Banff yesterday are shown above. Noel Paul of Princeton, B.C., (left), scored a decisive win in the junior jumping competition. Hugh Gourlay, Banff, (centre), scored in the national junior downhill event, while Gault Gillespie, Montreal, (at the right), successfully defended his Canadian cross-country ski championship.—Photos by Lloyd Harmon, Banff.

Don Lewthwaite and Gordon Hoggard, were third and fourth.

Gerald Locke of Banff took the steep top part of the course practically straight and it proved a fatal action, the young skier taking a terrific fall just above the funnel. Jim Ross, Banff, lost a ski in a fall about 200 yards from the finish and went the rest of the way on one hickory.

The junior jumping, the opening event of the tournament, produced some fine performances, and out of 28 jumps there were only two falls. British Columbia boys took five of the first six places, the one exception being Jim Ross of Banff, who cornered second place.

Today's program calls for the men's slalom and ladies' and girls' downhill races. Entered in the first event is a record field of 53. Tomorrow there will be the men's downhill and ladies' and girls' slalom competitions, and the tourney will conclude on Sunday with the downhill team race, boys' slalom, men's jumping, and exhibitions.

There is still lots of accommodation in Banff for the week end. The highway from Calgary has some snow on it but has a broad clear track and is in good shape.

Yesterday's results follow:

"A fellow would have to be a wizard to know how to wax properly for that course," commented one of the runners afterward. "My skis wouldn't climb and they wouldn't go down. I sure had some fun."

The race was run in three laps, and the racers were started a minute apart, at the end of the first lap Gillespie, whose starting position was eighth, had passed six men. He went by the others on the second round.

Young Gourlay gave a beautiful demonstration of high speed control in winning the junior downhill race. Conditions were tricky, but the Banff lad came down without a single fall and was timed in one minute nine and two-fifths seconds—a new competitive record for the abbreviated course. The old record was 1:11 and was set by Art Coles in Vancouver, when he captured the senior Canadian Rockies crown two weeks ago.

Gourlay wound up with a 12-second edge over Arthur Horsfall of Jasper, who created a surprise by taking second place. Two other members of the Banff junior ski

Senior men's cross-country—1. G. Gillespie, Laurentian C.C. Club, Que., 1-41-11; 2. V. Cousineau, Esterell, Que., 1-43-47; 3. E. Ellingrud, Hollyburn, Vancouver, 1-46-55; 4. O. Johansen, Copper Mountain, B.C., 1-47-14; 5. D. McCrae, Revelstoke, 1-47-21; 6. S. Peyto, Lake Louise, 1-49-19; 7. K. Hegseth, Wells, B.C., 1-53-52; 8. G. Rees, Kirkland Lake, Ont., 1-58-24; 9. A. Johansen, Kimberley, 1-58-50; 10. H. Tiesmaki, Banff, 1-59-32; 11. C. Delisle, Lavoirie S.C., Que., 2-01-20.

Boys' downhill—1. H. Gourlay, Ski Runners, Banff, 69.2 seconds; 2. A. Horsfall, Jasper, 81.8; 3. D. Lewthwaite, Ski Runners, 86.8; 4. G. Hoggard, Ski Runners, 92.0; 5. H. Smithers, Tyee, Vancouver, 102.4; 6. G. Locke, Ski Runners, 107.8; 7. Jim Ross, Ski Runners, 137.4; 8. W. Hodson, Vancouver, 137.4; 9. J. Everell, Tyee, Vancouver, 139.8; 10. P. Noel, Amber S.C., Princeton, B.C., 140.4; 11. B. Williams, Ski Runners, 152.2; 12. J. Kassa, Ambers, Princeton, 183.2; 13. D. Nelson, Vancouver, 240.0; 14. E. Griffiths, Revelstoke, 290.6.

Junior jumping—1. Paul Noel, Amber S.C., Princeton, 189 points, 71-69 distance; 2. Jim Ross, Ski Runners, Banff, 181.6, 64-69; 3. J. Everell, Tyees, Vancouver, 177.9, 68-69; 4. Wes Hodson, Vancouver, 177.3, 68-71; 5. E. Griffiths, Revelstoke, 177.6, 66-67; 6. J. Kassa, Amber, 176.8, 72-67; 7. H. Gourlay, Ski Runners, Banff, 175.1, 65-68; 8. D. Nelson, Vancouver, 175.1, 63-65; 9. P. Farrell, Revelstoke, 175.1, 66-67; 10. Don Lewthwaite, Ski Runners, 173.9, 60-67; 11. E. Smithers, Tyee, 172.9, 67-65; 12. E. Cormier, Canmore, 133.9, 42-45; 13. Bud Williams, Banff, 113.7, x71-70; 14. G. Hoggard, Banff, 112.9, 61-x66. (x-indicates a fall).