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Guttorm Paulsen

Born: 1906 Died: ?

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Guttorm Paulsen was born in Oslo, Norway, in 1906. As a youngster growing up, he was on skis about the time he could walk. Paulsen skied both cross-country and jumping, finally concentrating on the sport of jumping. Before he immigrated to the United States, Paulsen participated in the Holmenkollen event, a distinct honor for any Norwegian youth.

Paulsen immigrated to the United States in 1928, settling finally in the city of Chicago. Representing the world famous Norge Ski Club of

that city, he was an active ski jumper for the club from 1929 until 1940. He became the National Ski Association Class "B" National Champion in 1929 at Brattleboro, Vermont, and was also the Central United States Ski Association Class "B" Champion the same year. In 1930, Paulsen made the longest jump at Steamboat Springs' famed Howelsen Hill of 212 feet, one foot short of the North American record of that time of 213 feet. He continued to place well in jumping tournaments until his retirement from skiing in 1940.

After Paulsen's retirement, he continued to contribute to the sport of skiing by becoming a top jumping judge with the Central United States Ski Association as well as on the international circuit. In 1952, he was selected as a jumping judge at the Winter Olympic Games in Oslo, in his native Norway.

Paulsen served as a secretary for the Central United States Ski Association Judges Association. In the period from 1948 through 1954, he served as a committeeman on the National Ski Association Ski Jumping Committee. In 1956 he was the chief technical advisor to the 1956 Olympic Ski Games Committee for the games at Cortina, Italy. Paulsen also served as a member of the F.I.S. Ski Jumping Committee for several years.

Guttorm Paulsen was elected to the National Ski Hall of Fame at Ishpeming, Michigan in 1971, for his contributions to the sport of skiing, which he so dearly loved.