



#121

Ottar Satre

Born: 1908 Died: ?

Proficient as a cross-country skier, Ottar Satre was best known as a jumper. He won no fewer than seventeen meets between 1930 and 1935.

Ottar Satre was born in Trysil, Norway, on September 9, 1908, and, like nearly all Norwegian youngsters, was skiing almost from the time he was able to walk. Satre was very proficient at both cross-country and jumping, although he was better known as a jumper.

Ottar immigrated to the United States in December, 1929, where he became a versatile competitor in both Jumping and Nordic Combined. He and his brother Magnus settled with their parents in Salisbury, Connecticut, as one of the pioneer ski families in that area.

Satre won no fewer than seventeen meets between 1930 and 1935, and was chosen for the Norwegian Olympic Team in the 1932 Olympics at Lake Placid, New York, but could not compete because he was an American citizen.

Ottar won the National Ski Association's National Cross-Country Title in 1935 at Canton, South Dakota, winning the Gale Cottom Burton Memorial Trophy for 1935. He also won the United States Eastern Amateur Ski Association Class "A" Jumping Titles twice, the class "B" Jumping Title once, and the Class "A" Nordic Combined twice.

Satre was a member of the United States Nordic Olympic Team in 1936, along with his brother Magnus, as a cross-country skier. He also represented the United States at the world famous Holmenkollen in 1936 in his native land of

Norway, placing thirty-sixth.

Throughout his career, spanning the years 1930 through 1942, Satre won more than thirty first places in either jumping, cross-country, or Nordic combined, including several New York state titles.

After retiring from the Class "A" ranks and joining the Veteran's class, Ottar won seven straight events in which he participated until retiring from active skiing in 1950.

After he retired from competition, Ottar, like his brother Johan before him, became interested in and worked diligently with the junior skiers in the Salisbury area. His nearly picture-perfect style and grace were passed on to these youngsters. He was well-liked and always stressed sportsmanship and fair play above all.

Paul Ottar Satre was elected to the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame in 1971 for his services to the sport of skiing.



Ottar Satre, third from right