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Ed Blood

Born: 1908 Died: 1991

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Edward J. Blood was born in Bradford, Vermont, on August 15, 1908, and started skiing at the age of two. He lived in Hanover, New Hampshire, from 1919 until 1927, where he was truly a strong competitor, skiing in both nordic and alpine. He also participated in competitive skating and snowshoeing.

In early competitions, Ed did his share of winning and placing, and while not as well known as some of his counterparts, his record equaled, if not surpassed many.

Ed Blood was a member of the United States Winter Olympic Team in 1932, and skied the combined event at Lake Placid, New York, placing 14th of 36 overall. Ed



made the United States Winter Olympic Team in 1936 and skied the cross-country events at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany.

After the Winter Olympic games, Ed Blood became the ski coach at the University of New Hampshire, a position he held for thirty years, from 1937 through 1967. Ed loved to work with youngsters, and his coaching days were not only the happiest days of his life, but perhaps the most important in his eyes.

Blood was involved in many other types of ski related activities and work in his active years. Always one to promote skiing when given the opportunity, he tried to sell it as it is, a clean, refreshing, interesting sport, instilling the Olympic ideal of the importance it is in participation, not necessarily winning.

Ed again became involved in the Olympic Movement in 1960, as a designer and worker on the cross-country courses at McKinney Squaw Valley Olympics, and served as the Chief of Start and Finish at the 1960 Olympic Winter Games.

Ed Blood retired and remained in Durham, New Hampshire. He was a fine gentleman in every respect. Ed was elected to the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame in 1967, a reward befitting the culmination of an outstanding career in the sport he loved so much.

