

RALPH MILLER

Ralph Miller has to be regarded as one of America's best competitive skiers during the 1950s. He excelled in all aspects of the sport and was competitive in just about every event that he entered.



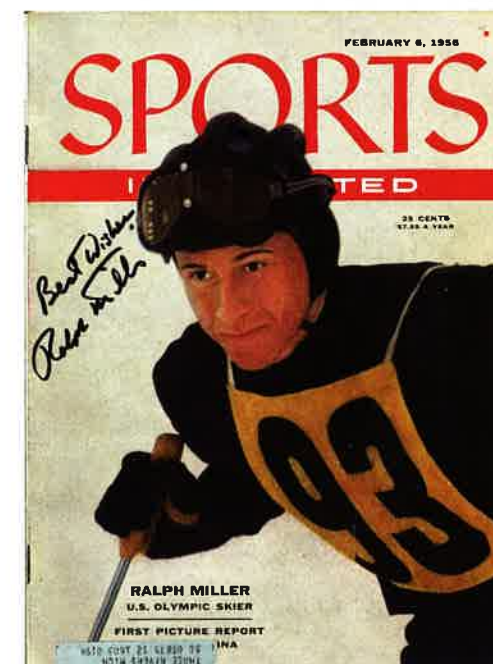
Ralph Miller (center) with teammates Marvin Miller (left) and Budd Warner (right).

Born and raised in New Hampshire he would compete and win in the four event competitions that were part of skiing at that time while in high school and college. The downhill, slalom, ski jumping and cross-country were the events the students were expected to enter. As Otto Schniebs said, "If you must specialize, specialize in four events."

While attending Dartmouth College he won the NCAA overall championship in 1951 and in 1957 earning the title of "Skimeister."

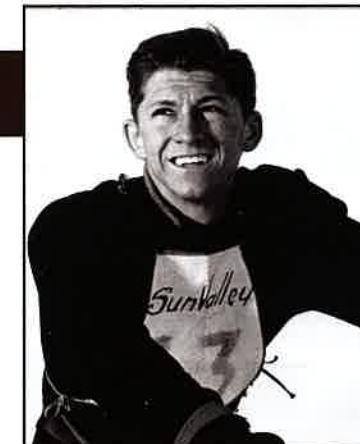
At the same time he claimed four North American titles and four U.S. national titles. He also participated in the World Championships in 1954 and the Olympics in 1956, before the U.S. Ski Team had a full time coach to help its skiers excel. Sports Illustrated acknowledged his leading position by featuring him on the magazine cover on Feb. 6, 1956, prior to the Cortina Winter Olympics.

He was competitive in many major ski races and often beat the top international skiers who raced in them. He won or reached the podium in the Roch Cup, the Harriman Cup, The Silver Belt Trophy, the classic Inferno race, and the American-International



Championships.

Starting in 1951 he would go to Chile during the northern summer period to train and race at Portillo. There he would win two Chilean national championship events. In 1955 he set a world speed record on his Northland skis of 109 miles per hour. It was a record that stood for 15 years.



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Born Sept. 23, 1933

Resides in Kentucky

Career Awards & Highlights

1951
Eastern Interscholastic Champion,
1st in the Chilean Nationals

1952
Winner of the USEASA
Webber Challenge Cup,
Sandler Trophy, Sherburne Trophy,
1st - Chilean National slalom,
3rd - Inferno Race

1953
North American Downhill title,
Roch Cup and U.S. National
downhill and combined titles

1954
2nd place finishes in three
international events in Europe

1955
Sets world speed record for skiing
that stood for 15 years,
top American at the American-
International downhill and slalom
championships