



ANTON LEKANG

First career tournament at age eight while using a pair of barrel staves in a high school meet in his native Northern Norway.

Has won more than 50 major ski jumping prizes in Norway, Canada and the United States; set numerous hill records; won a host of ladies' cups symbolic of graceful style.

Emigrated to the U.S. and in the late 20s began to earn recognition.

1932 Received first place in the US Amateur competition at Lake Tahoe, CA. First member of the fabled Norway Ski Club of New York to capture this honor.

In the Olympics, he had the honor of making the "first track" at Lake Placid, unable to compete because of his lack of US residency status.

1933 New York State champion and third in the Nationals.

1934 Turned professional; Set his career record of 266 feet at Salt Lake City, UT

He designed professional hills in sections of the country new to ski jumping and starred in their meets. He was part of a group that pioneered indoor ski jumping at the Boston Garden and Madison Square Garden.

A shattering leg injury ended his competitive career. He turned to downhill and slalom teaching at various Schools, YMCA's and at Yale University, where he was highly respected for his talent and concern for the students and their safety.