



WILLIS S. OLSON

(Billy – The Kid – Olson)

1950 As a teenage ski jumper from Eau Claire, WI, he outclassed an international field at Iron Mountain, MI, and stole the show by leaping 297' to equal the then current North American distance record.

Member of the U.S. FIS Team.

1952 Member of the U.S. Olympic Ski Team.

1954 Member of the U.S. FIS Team.

1956 Member of the U.S. Olympic Ski Team.

1958 Won the Class A National Championship.

1965 Competing in the Veteran's Class, he went through 12 straight tournaments without being defeated and won his first Veteran's title.

1966, 1968 Champion Veteran's title won.

His longest jump in American competition was 297' at Iron Mountain; longest jump ever was 393' at Oberstdorf, Germany.

Won three straight NCAA jumping championships as a member of the U of Denver ski team. Went through three seasons without being beaten.

1972 Elected to the National Ski Hall of Fame in Ispeming, MI.