Hans Hansen Biography

Hans Hansen was born in Norway in 1890. His family moved to the United States when he was 5 years old. He married a Swedish girl named Ida. They had 3 children together, Betty, Dorthy and Henry. His extended family includes 12 grandkids. He died in 1977.

Hans Hansen began his ski jumping years as a young boy. He jumped at a place in Minneapolis known as "Chute's Pasture". After learning the sport on this 40 ft jump he moved to the Keegans Lake Jump over looking Keegan Lake in Glenwood Park. Hansen moved to competition in 1908 and won 5th place in an amateur tournament in Hudson, WI. He entered his first national tournament in 1910 as an amateur. In 1912 National's in Cary, ILL as an amateur he defeated the professional winner by points making him the overall winner. As years progressed, his talents and performance increased, so he was no longer considered an amateur. He then entered the professional class. This class was made up for the top performers in the country. As later reported this class was paid some expense money when they came to the different tournaments. Hardly enough to cover expenses. However, because of the controversy over this class during the 1924 Olympics in Chamonix, France, it was discontinued soon after the Olympics.

Feb 9, 1921 at a professional long jump competition in Revelstoke, Canada, he had the longest jump ever recorded of 235 ft but fell and broke his collar bone. The next year in the same event he jumped 221 ft 6 in to claim the uncontested reported world record. There was controversy over the record. Henry Hall had previously jumped 229 ft but fell before the official fall line. The fall line set by the organizing committee was not far enough out by the official rules.

Before the 1924 Olympic tryouts in Minneapolis, MN he was considered one of the top jumpers in the Nation which set the stage for the coming Olympic tryouts. As it turns out he made the Olympic team bound for Chamonix, France. However, his professional status was in question along with Anders Haugen and Ragnar Olmvedt by Sweden. With the threat of being disqualified from the Olympics Hans Hansen decided to not go to Chamonix. The other two decide to go no matter what. As it turns out the country of Sweden was not contesting their professionalism but a swede by the name of Fitzgerald had reported to the secretary of the American Olympic committee that he had competed against him in professional meets. The official ruling was the three athletes were eligible to compete.

In the months after the Olympic tryouts Hans Hansen made a Western trip for three major competitions. Hans won at Denver and Dillion, Co. He was second behind Lars Haugen at Steamboat Springs, Co with a jump of 210 ft. This set the record for the world's longest jump by an amateur.

Then in the 1930's, he began summersaulting of ski jumps. He became quite well known for doing this daring feat. He would be invited to jumping events to show his expertise.
Hans Hansen Says His Mark of 221 Feet 6 Inches Is Standing Record.

Hans Hansen of Minneapolis, claimant of the world's professional ski jumping championship, is preparing for an arduous season on the slopes of the United States and Canada. Already he is taking advantage of the heavy fall of snow and testing out his runners on the Glenwood park hills.

The world's championship is disputed by Hansen and Henry Hall, the dispute going back to the tournament at Revelstoke, B. C., last winter. Hansen leaped 221 feet, 6 inches, and stood for what he claims is the record. Hall negotiated 222 feet and was given tentative recognition in the records although this mark has not been approved because Hall fell on a deadline informally established by the judges. International rules, Hansen says, do not allow a deadline, a jumper being required to stand until the finish of his run to be eligible.

TO ENTER BIG MEET.

This matter probably will be settled at a meeting of the American Ski association during the national tournament at Cary, Ill., this winter.

Hansen will enter the national meet, as well as tournaments at Calgary, Banff and Revelstoke. Ski tournaments are in great favor in Western Canada and the leading professionals of America are drawn to the meet. Henry and Karl Hall, leaders and Lars Haugen and Barney Hilly of Coleraine, Minn., probably will be seen in action at all the big events.

Hansen has been in competition since 1906, when he won fifth place in a amateur tournament at Hudson. As a boy he received his instruction in a tiny makeshift slide at what was known as Chute's pasture.

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DEFEATED PRO CHAMPION.

Hansen entered his first national tournament in 1910 as an amateur and he has not missed a national meet since. In 1912 as an amateur he defeated Ragnar Omdvet, professional champion, in points at Cary, Ill. Omdvet at that time held the record of 192 feet.

Hansen has been prominent in the organization of the Municipal Ski club, which is entering its second season. He has acted as an instructor at the Glenwood park slide.
World's Best Jumpers to Compete

Some of the best ski jumpers of the world and practically every prominent jumper of the United States and Canada will compete here when the national ski tournament opens Saturday. Here are four of the best. They have all held championships at one time or another and each has had his turn at holding the record for the longest standing jump. They are, left to right, Hans Hanson, Clarence Hall, Henry Hall and Anders Haugen.
Three Named to Jump for U. S. on Olympic Ski Program

Alternates Will Be Sent to France With Team

Charged May Be Entered Against Hans Hansen, Haugen and Ragnar Omlund—Julius Blegen, Minne-
ney Riley, Coleraine, and Harry Liehn, Chicago, Will
Jump for U. S. If Regular Members of Team Are
Haugen Breaks Record for Glenwood Slide.

By GEORGE EDMOND

Members of the United States Olympic ski team, chosen
at the Glenwood slide yesterday, may be barred
from the Olympic games which will take place in
February, it was learned today. Profession-
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and Ragnar Omlund, Grand Beach, Mich. Sigurd
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The Journal camera caught these three members of the United States Olympic ski team in the jumps that won places on the team for them at Glenwood park yesterday. No. 1 is Anders Haugen, Minneapolis, who broke the record for the Glenwood slide with a leap of 123 feet. Hans Hansen, Minneapolis, who holds the United States amateur jump record of 210 feet. No. 3 is Sigurd Overby, St. Paul, cross-country champion of the cross country run in the tryouts Saturday.
**U. S. to Send Revamped Ski Team to Olympics**

Anders Haugen, Minneapolis Star, to Go Despite Challenge—Three Substitutes to Be Named to Avoid Possible Difficulties.

New York, Jan. 11—America will be represented by a ski jumping team in the Olympic winter sports at Chamonix, beginning the last of this month. It was announced today after Olympic authorities had received permission to submit entries up to January 15 to replace the three members of the team whose eligibility has been questioned.

The upset in plans for the skiing team, due to sail next Wednesday for France, came unexpectedly and was a result of information that three of the players—Anders Haugen and Hans Haugen of Minneapolis and Ragnar Ottvold of Grand Rapids, Mich.—might have their eligibility questioned because Haugen, who is now at Chamonix.

**Extra Jumpers Make Trip Tonight to Guard Against Any Ineligibilities**

Seven of the best skiers in the country will make up the Olympic ski party which leaves Minneapolis tonight at 8:30 o'clock for New York, where they will sail next week for Chamonix, France, to compete in the Olympic games.

Some May Lose Out

All of these men are not sure of sailing, however, owing to the many complications that have arisen during the last three days regarding the Olympic team.

Some of the members, who qualified for the Olympic team, have been reported missing by Swedish Olympic committee. The matter is being investigated and it will take several days before things are straightened out.

B. C. Leighten of the Olympic committee is sending seven men to New York to be on the safe side so that he will be able to send a team in case the regular members are barred at the last minute.

The men in question are Anders Haugen, Hans Haugen, and Ragnar Ottvold. It will be impossible to determine whether they are ineligible to compete until they get a chance to pass the International Board when they arrive in New York.

Mr. Leighten feels that they will be O.K. with the committee and that they will be able to proceed with the regular team to Chamonix, France.

**Ineligibles To Return**

In case the men are declared ineligible they will return to their homes and the other men will leave for the big event. Mr. Leighten stated that the seven men would compete in an exhibition meet at New York Sunday and that if enough money was made that the entire group would go but otherwise the alternates would have to return to their homes.

Julius Siegel, local editor, announced today that in his absence he would be unable to leave with the Olympic team tonight and that it would be impossible to set them away from the Olympic games. The Municipal Ski club and the Lions Association will be on hand at the Great Northern depot tonight to give the members a big sendoff when they leave for their long journey.
SKI TEAM TO BE SENT TO FRANCE, US OFFICERS DECIDE

French Olympic Committee Cables United States Permission to Submit Entries up to January 15—Haugen and Omtvedt Intend to Make Trip

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The upshot in plans for the skiing team, due to sail next Wednesday for France, came unexpectedly and as a result of information that three of the athletes—Anders Haugen, Minneapolis, national champion ski jumper, and Sigurd Overbye, St. Paul, Emil Bolloren, Eau Claire, Wis.; Harry Lien, Norway ski club, Chicago; Ragnar Omtvedt, Grand Beach, Mich., and John Condon, former Dartmouth star, who is already at Chamonix. Their entries will be submitted to the French committee today. Secretary Ruben M. Benedikt, of Minneapolis, and Omtvedt and Overbye were members of the team originally selected to represent this country at Chamonix, but all three entries were declared ineligible because of alleged professionalism. The case was handled by the Swedish Olympic Committee. However, after the conference with Haugen and Hansen, and after questioning Haugen at his Minneapolis home, Ruben M. Benedikt said that he had been satisfied that the matter of professionalism was cleared up and that they will be accepted in good standing as amateur skiers.

Haugen Explains Situation.

Secretary Ruben M. Benedikt says that the athletes have been compelled to leave the field of competition because of a matter that the American Olympic committee has not yet cleared up. He has been in touch with the Swedish authorities in Stockholm and has learned that the three entries were declared ineligible because of alleged professionalism. The Swedish authorities have not yet cleared up the matter. The American Olympic committee has notified the Swedish authorities of the American entries and has asked for a full report on the matter.

In connection with Cucho-Slovakia's protest to the ski competition after the Finnish competition, the American team, Chalet, Chalet, had forbidden the ski jumping to be included in the competition. The ski jumping will be included in the competition, and the American team will be represented by three athletes. The American team is represented by three athletes: Anders Haugen, Sigurd Overbye, and Emil Bolloren.

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GOOD TRIP FOR SKIER

Hans Hansen Won Two Tournaments and Set a Record at Third. CLAIMS AMATEUR MARK

Hans Hansen, captain of the Minneapolis Municipal Ski club, returned from his western tournament trip with many scalps attached to his belt. He entered the tournaments at Denver, Steamboat Springs and Dillon, Colo., winning two of them and establishing a record in the third.

He won the meet at Denver, Feb. 25, without any competition. At Steamboat Springs March 2, Lars Haugen won the tournament but Hansen made the longest standing jump of 210 feet. As he reached this record staed 38 as an amateur, the jump stands as a new welding amateur record, beating the former record held by Nokie Nelson by several feet.

The tournament at Dillon March 11 was hampered by a snowstorm, preventing any record-breaking jumps. Hansen took the tournament honors and the longest jump of 176 feet. Lars Haugen made a 183-foot leap but was disqualified when he fell. A's added feature at the last meet Hansen thrilled the crowd with a loop-the-loop exhibition.

Because Henry Hall's world record jump of 229 feet made at Revelstoke, British Columbia, has been in dispute ever since it was made two years ago, Hansen claims the record with a jump of 221 feet and 6 inches made at the same place. The deadline on the Revelstoke slide was the cause of the controversy, as Hall fell while passing it. This line had not been determined correctly by the officials of the meet and should have been placed several hundred feet farther down the course, which would have disqualified Hall unquestionably.

HANS HANSEN SETS NEW RECORD FOR GLENWOOD SKI SLIDE; JUMPS 114

Hans Hansen, Minneapolis skiier, set a new record for the Glenwood slide yesterday when he jumped 114 feet. Officials of the club predict that this mark will not stand long as the slide is faster than ever.

Members of the Municipal Ski club will go on a ski hike Wednesday morning. The start will be made from the Glenwood slide at 9:30 a.m.