



Louis Cochand

Laurentian Born and Bred

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LOUIS COCHAND comes by his ski-ing naturally as his father, Emile, is one of the best all-round ski men we have ever had in Canada, and before coming to Canada was Swiss Champion back in 1908-09. Louis was born at Ste. Marguerite January 5, 1917, and at the early age of three his father had him on skis. When nine years old he broke his leg jumping, badly handicapping him for several years. At Lower Canada College later on he was on the Senior Ski Team, and gradually became noticed as one of our coming schoolboys. He, however, first came into real prominence in 1936 when he won the Kandahar Slalom Race, placed second in the Combined and eighth in the Downhill; a fine achievement considering the large number and high class of the competitors. In the 1937 Kandahar he was third in the Combined, fourth in the Slalom and second in the Downhill, meeting the strongest field ever gathered for this event. At Banff in the Dominion Championships he was third in the Combined, third in the Slalom, fifth in the Downhill and twenty-second in the Jumping. Later in the year at Mount Baker and Skoki in the Rockies he won the Open Slalom and placed first and seventh in the Downhill. Competing at Sun Valley, Idaho, against the best men on this continent, he finished well up in the Slalom and Downhill events. In addition he has won many local competitions and is today one of our very best all-round ski men. He is a member of the Laurentian Cross-Country Ski Club, a delightfully modest, unassuming young man, a credit to his father and to the Laurentians.

VIATEUR COUSINEAU, a clubmate of Louis, about the same age and born near Ste. Adele, has made an impressive record these past two years. In 1936 he won the Kandahar, placing first in the Downhill and fourth in the Slalom, besides winning several important local competitions. In the 1937 Kandahar he again won the Downhill and placed fifth in the Combined and Slalom. Out at Banff in the Dominion Championships, after a fast

first run in the Slalom, he, unfortunately, was disqualified. He finished seventh in the Downhill and twelfth in the Cross-Country. At Skoki in the Rockies he won the Sir Norman Watson Glacier Trophy, finishing a minute ahead. Did splendidly in the Downhill and Slalom, second in each. He also won last year the open tournaments at Shawbridge and St. Sauveur. Viateur is typical of our best young French-Canadians, always ready to help and advise others and taking his well won honours with all modesty.

In addition to these two outstanding young men, I would also mention the following Laurentian boys who made an outstanding showing last year:—O. Chevalier, St. Sauveur Ski Club; R. Trottier, St. Sauveur Ski Club; J. L. Belhumeur, Ste. Agathe Ski Club; R. Belhumeur, Ste. Agathe Ski Club; H. Henry, Ste. Agathe Ski Club.

We also have in the Laurentians families who have contributed a number of fine skiers, both boys and girls:—Gillespies at Prefontaine, Belhumeurs at Ste. Agathe, Legares at St. Jovite, Chevaliers at St. Sauveur.

With the increased interest being taken by these local skiers and the rapid advance they are making in modern technique, the standard of our ski-ing is bound to improve rapidly in the future.



Viateur Cousineau