

### Additional Sports

## Skiing Reported Nation's Fastest Growing Sport

By WAYNE RUSSELL  
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STOWE, Vt. — (UP) — Baseball is America's most popular spectator sport and fishing is our principal participant sport. But no sport, spectator or participant, is growing faster than skiing.

The hickory-riding snowbirds are flocking in constantly increasing numbers to every northern mountain that has a rope-tow, T-bar or chair-lift on its slopes. Each Friday evening during the winter thousands of skiers rush out of the cities to the snow-covered hills, to spend a week end happily stemming, schussing, or christening their way down the trails and slopes.

Even the air-lines are now running "air-lifts to the chair-lifts" at bargain rates. It has been estimated that there are now 3,000,000 American skiers. And they're by no means all youngsters.

Stowe Wakes Up  
Hotels in Canada's Laurentian Mountains that once closed for the winter are now filled to capacity during January, February, and March as more and more skiers, having sampled the joys of sauntering on the snowy slopes, relinquish their summer-time vacations to take winter holidays. Skiing is now a compulsory subject in most French-Canadian Laurentian schools.

And there are towns whose entire economy is based on the ski-dollar. One of these is Stowe. Twenty years ago Stowe was a sleepy New England village where city folks in the winter were as rare as sleds in Miami. Snow was cordially detested.

Then the first ski-trail was built on Mt. Mansfield, Vermont's highest peak, eight miles from Stowe. Since then the ski facilities have been enlarged each year, and Mansfield's dozens of downhill slopes and trails are now served by two chair-lifts, two T-bar lifts and half a dozen assorted rope-tows.

It's Easier Now  
Lodges and motels, all catering to the skiers, have sprung up in such numbers that the town is faced with the problem of inadequate water and electricity. Now nothing makes a native of Stowe happier than a fresh fall of powder snow.

Why this snow-rush? Well, in the opinion of Larry Heyer, who has operated Ski Inn, one of Stowe's more popular lodges for the past 14 years, the reason is mainly that skiing is becoming easier to learn.

Modern skis are laminated and therefore more flexible than ever before. A flexible ski is an easily maneuvered ski. Modern boots and bindings which fasten the ski rigidly to the foot make the skis easier for the beginner to handle, yet will release short of the bone-breaking point when sufficient stress is imposed, if the tyro falls.

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### Russians Cheer Swift Swede, Boo Own Skate Stars

MOSCOW (UP)—Sigge Ericsson, a swift Swede who turned almost certain defeat into victory in the world speed skating championships, cracked Russia's grip on the title and was cheered by 75,000 Soviet fans for doing it.  
Ericsson, a lanky 24-year old skater from Osterund, won the men's world crown Sunday at Dynamo Stadium by winning the last of the four events in the competition, the 10,000-meter race.  
The capacity crowd gave him a rousing cheer and then booed its own stars, Oleg Goncharenko and Boris Shilov. Ericsson won with 194.996 points.

### Prep Teams Move Nearer State Berths

By UNITED PRESS  
Oregon high school basketball teams today eyed district and state tournaments, which are coming up in the next few weeks.  
The Lakewood Honkers, beat Madras 58-44 and Prineville 80-73 over the weekend to clinch at least a tie for the Central Oregon League championships. Redmond, which has one game left with Bend, can still tie the Honkers.  
The North Bend Bulldogs edged Marshfield 65 - 62 Saturday and after dumping Bendon 72-63 Friday, to move two steps closer to tournament play.

In Portland, Jefferson stopped Franklin, 60 - 49, and Cleveland whacked Washington 80-55 for the city's strongest bids for the class A tourney to be held in Eugene.  
Highly-rated Milwaukie rolled past Astoria, beset with the Ju. 73-44. Beaverton clinched the Tualatin Valley League championship with a 77-54 win over Newberg, and are due for district action tomorrow.

Medford won its 17th and 18th straight victories by turning back Ashland 82-57 and 84-45, and St. Helens won its 18th victory by walloping Clatskanie 81 - 46. St. Helens needs only one more district win to qualify for tournament play.  
The Eugene Axemen, 17-3, beat South Salem 68-60 in district six action, and Albany stayed afloat in sub-district seven by outclassing Lebanon 69-23.  
Pendleton, 73, after beating The Dalles Saturday, appears to have clinched a tie in Blue Mountain conference play. Baker and La Grande, both with 6 - 3 records, meet this weekend to decide the co-championship.

### OSC Upset On Saturday By Vandals

By UNITED PRESS  
The University of Oregon and Oregon State College basketball teams settled down Monday to the task of preparing for the final two contests of their annual four-game series.

Oregon invades Corvallis Friday night and Oregon State goes to Eugene Saturday night for the Northern Division finale.  
Division Champion Oregon State's winning streak was halted at 13 games Saturday night by a stubborn Washington State crew at Pullman, Wash. Hero of the 68-66 upset by the Cougars was little Ron Bennink who sank a long one-handed push shot with only two seconds of play remaining.

The loss gave the Beavers a 13-1 Division record with only two games against Oregon left to play. At Seattle, Oregon edged Washington, 60-59, by staving off a last-minute rally by a scrappy, but nervous bunch of Huskies.  
In the Cougar-Beaver clash, the Cougars went ahead 4-0 early in the first half on shots by center Bill Rehder and Bennink. After the Beavers made a 7-4 lead, Rehder and Bennink went to work to make the score 12-8 for WSC and the tab was tied up five times in succession.

Bennink on a layup and Rehder on four free throws then put the Cougars ahead 28-22. OSC forward Jay Dean hit a rebound and the halftime score stood 28-24 for WSC.  
Center Swede Hallbrook hit a hook early in the second and guard Bill Toole made two free throws to start off another chain of ties. Then OSC took the lead 34-32. Bennink tied it up 34-all and the ties came in rapid succession.

In the last seconds, WSC center Bruce Olson hit a hook to make it 66-64 and Hallbrook sunk a basket to make it 66-66.  
Then the Cougars got the ball and Bennink went down the court for his long shot.

**PADRES SIGN GLADD**  
SAN DIEGO, Calif. (UP)—The San Diego Padres of the Pacific Coast League yesterday signed ex-Portland Catcher Jim Gladd as a free agent, the Padres' front office disclosed.  
Gladd, released by Portland Saturday, was immediately picked up by the 1954 PCL pennant winners. Gladd hit only .198 for Portland last year.

The United States uses 42 percent of all the electricity produced in the world, and its power industry has 50,000,000 individual customers.

### Golf Meet Won By Fay Crocker

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (UP)—Fay Crocker, an outstanding exponent of the "try, try again" school, won her first professional golf tournament in 29 tries when she scored a one-stroke victory over Patty Berg Sunday in the \$5,000 Serbin Open.

Miss Crocker of Montevideo, Uruguay, shot a two-over-par 76 on the final 18 for a 72-hole total of 296 and \$1,000 first money. She hadn't won a tournament since turning professional in January, 1954.

Miss Berg of St. Andrews, Ill., put the pressure on the Montevideo girl, firing a par 74 to finish with a 297.

Betty Jameson of San Antonio, Tex., and Louise Suggs, Sea Isle, Ga., star tied for third with 302. Betty Mackinnon of Savannah, Ga., finished next with a 305.

Marlene Bauer of Sarasota, Fla., Mary Lena Faulk of Thomasville, Ga., and Betsy Rawls of Spartanburg, S. C., tied for sixth with 309's. Babe Zaharias, defending champion from Tampa, Fla., finished with a 310.

Grace Demoss Smith, an amateur player from Coral Gables, Fla., Betty Bush of West Palm Beach, Fla., Betty Dodd of Louisville, Ky., and Jackie Pung of Honolulu wound up with 311's.  
Marilyn Smith of Wichita, Kan., and Betty Hicks of Palm Springs, Calif., followed with 312's. Peggy Kirk Bell of Southern Pines, N. C., finished with a 316. Joyce Ziske of Waterford, Wis., had a 317. Vonnie Colby of Hollywood, Fla., had a 318; Mickey Wright of La Jolla, Calif., 319; and Pat O'Sullivan of Wilton, Conn., 320.

### Chiefs Make It Four Over Pilots

PORTLAND (UP) — The agile Chiefs of Seattle University made it four in a row over the Portland University Pilots Sunday night, downing the Portlanders 86-62.

The Pilots, who appeared tired after Saturday night's basketball struggle with the Chiefs, couldn't seem to handle Dick Stricklin, a 6-foot 8-inch sophomore who connected for a total of 29 points. His sub Ken Fuhrer, added eight more points.

Seattle's record now stands at 18 wins and four defeats for the season. Sunday's battle with the Pilots gave them no less than their 14th win over the Portland team since 1952.

The Pilots fly south tomorrow for a four game series in Mexico City while the Chiefs have two clashes set for Gonzaga this Friday and Saturday in Seattle.

### Red Buildup Along Coast Ripped Again

By WILLIAM MILLER  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
TAIPEI, Formosa (UP)—Nationalist warplanes bombed Chinese Communist invasion concentrations in the Taishan Islands incessantly today.

At the same time the Nationalist press reported 11 submarines sighted in or near the strait by intelligence sources. The semi-official Chinatone News Agency reported the undersea force had moved from Hainan Island bases into waters patrolled by the U.S. 7th Fleet.

Chinatone said Nationalist agents spotted four of the submarines at anchor in the Pearl River near Hongkong for refueling. Others were seen off the Chekiang coast in the vicinity of Taishan Island.

Nationalist bomber pilots who have carried out non-stop raids on Communist troop buildups in the Taishan for four straight days claimed destruction of big fuel dumps at Taishan today and heavy casualties among Communist troops.

The Nationalist air attacks began in the early hour of morning amid new reports of Communist invasion preparations going on at full speed in Fukien Province facing Formosa.

The reports said Communist junk armadas were gathering in 312's and hidden waterways along the coast from which they could move suddenly against the Nationalist-held island.

The air force said in a night attack on Taishan its planes hit junk concentrations, supply depots and ships — the third straight attack against Communist troops transports.

Nationalist sources said the Communists were building up their air force on the mainland opposite Formosa with at least one wing of planes in Fukien Province within easy striking distance of Quemoy, Nanchi and Matsu.

The Reds also were improving five additional fields in the same area, the sources said.

In Formosa itself the Nationalists called up additional volunteers and drafted troops to fill out infantry divisions. Reserve divisions also were reported being called up. A total of 100,000 men was believed involved in the new call-up.

### Redmond Union High Board Votes School Bus Purchase

Special to The Bulletin  
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### SPEAKER SET Special to The Bulletin

REDMOND — Dr. Fred McKenzie, head of animal husbandry at Oregon State college, is to be the speaker Wednesday afternoon at the organization meeting of Deschutes County Livestock Growers association. County stock raisers will meet at Redmond grange hall at 1:30 p.m. to elect officers, approve by-laws, and handle any other business to come before the new group. Ed Coles, secretary of Oregon Cattlemen's association, originally scheduled to speak also, will not be present, according to Gene Lear, county agent.

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