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SPORT EVENTS.

Olympic Winter Games 1948 at St. Moritz:

The Swiss paper "Sport" published a very interesting article under the title "Shadows over the Olympic Winter Games 1948" (issue of 21st March). It is stated therein that the financial basis for the Olympic Games is not yet secured as the municipality of St. Moritz is not in a position to advance all the necessary funds from its own resources. The Swiss authorities have up to now refused to grant a special credit. Discussions on this questions are, however, going on. It appears that especially the Swedish Press contains some sharp attacks against the choice of St. Moritz as place for the next Olympic Games, probably for some reasons of competition. It would be extremely regrettable if Switzerland would miss these games owing to financial or other questions. The Swiss abroad find that every effort should be made to secure this event for St. Moritz which is of such great value for our tourist traffic.

Skiing:

The Swiss ski team at present touring the United States has already had many successes in the races in which they have competed. We have just received the news that Karl Molitor, Wengen, has become triple American champion. He won the competition for descent, slalom and the alpine combination. Edi Rominger was first in the well-known Harriman Cup at Sun Valley, whilst Paul Valär was third and Karl Molitor fifth.

Another success was won by Nicklaus Stump, who was second in the combined races of Holmenkoll, Norway. The world's best skiers participated in this competition and Stump's performance is one of the best ever shown by a Swiss skier in this most famous event.

The Swiss Ski Championship took place at the beginning of March. Our new champions are:

Hedi Schlunegger, Wengen; *ladies' champion and champion for descent 1947.*

Renée Clerc, SDS; *ladies' champion for slalom.*

Robert Zurbriggen, Saas-Fee; *champion for long distance race.*

Georg Keller, Davos; *jumping champion.*

Rolf Olinger, Engelberg; *men's descent.*

Franz Buman, Saas-Fee; *slalom.*

Alfons Supersaxo, Saas-Fee; *combined jumping and long distance.*

Fernand Grosjean, Geneva; *combined descent and slalom.*

It may be added that the members of the Swiss teams in the U.S.A. and Norway could not, of course, take part in the championship competitions.

St. Moritz organised once more the well-known Diavolezza Races, which are considered as one of the most difficult descents. The surprise winner was Eduard Troncana (senior II), Zuoz, followed by the best Swiss and foreign skiers. His time was 13.54 minutes, whilst the record time is held by R. Rominger with 10.53 for this 10 km. race.

Mürren was the scene of the Arlberg-Kandahar competition which was re-started after an interruption during the war years. The main victories went to the Italian and French skiers. The descent was won by Zeno Colo (Italy), followed by Silvio Alvera, James Couttet, Jean Blanc (all France). (First Swiss was

Alfred Stäger, Müren, 7th place). The slalom was won by Claude Penz (France), followed by his fellow-countrymen Henri Oreiller and James Couttet. James Couttet was also first of the combined races with Jean Blanc (France) as second and Henri Oreiller (France) third. The French successes were magnificent. The victory for ladies' descent went to Celina Seghi (Italy) followed by Trude Beiser (Austria). The ladies' slalom was won by Trude Beiser (Austria). Hedi Schlunegger was fourth in the combined races and first of the Swiss competitors.

Ice-Hockey:

H. C. Davos won — not unexpectedly — the Swiss championship for the 19th time. This championship fell together with the 25th anniversary of the Club. Second in the championship was S.C. Zurich.

The Swiss Ice-Hockey team played two international games against Italy. They showed overwhelming Swiss victories. The result of the official international game was 9:2 for Switzerland. The second game ended 15:4 for our team. The proceeds of this second game were donated to the International Red Cross. Both matches took place at Milan.

We hear that a visit of the Swiss champions of Davos to Wembley Pool is likely in April. We shall all be very pleased to greet them on the Empire Pool and give them all "moral support" possible.

Football:

The situation in the run for the Swiss championship is the following:

NATIONAL LEAGUE A.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
1. Lausanne	15	12	3	—	27
2. Biel	17	10	4	3	24
3. Lugano	16	9	4	3	22
4. Servette	16	8	4	4	20
5. Basel	13	9	1	3	19

NATIONAL LEAGUE B.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
1. Chaux-de-Fonds	14	11	1	2	23
2. Aarau	15	10	3	2	23
3. Zürich	13	10	1	2	21

The competition for the Swiss Cup is nearing its end. The semi-finals were played on the 16th March, whereby Basle beat Grenchen 2:1. Basle will therefore be one of the finalists. The semi-final between Lausanne and Locarno ended 3:3 and has to be re-played.

International Motor Show at Geneva:

The well-known car show at Geneva opened on Thursday, 13th March, and lasted till the 23rd. It had a tremendous success and was visited by 4 times the number of visitors than before the war. Many foreign manufacturers declared that the show was one of the best ever organised.

