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BOBSLEDDING

At Lake Placid, bobsledding daredevils seek the world championship in one of the most dangerous of all sports. The U.S. number two sled, captained by Stan Benham, takes off down the face of Mount Van Hoevenberg. Teams from France and Switzerland also get under way on the treacherous one-mile course which in two weeks has claimed the life of one driver and critically injured another. At a mile-a-minute speed, the sleds ride the ribbon of sheer ice, studded with fourteen sig-sag curves.

Americans Benham, Martin, Casey and Atkinson zoom home to win the title and set a record.

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SKI JUMPING

Near Salt Lake City, the beauty of snow-blanketed Utah scenery is combined with the beauty of flying skiers in the United States Ski Jumping Championships. This Ecker Hill course is not man-made but a natural slide, high in the Wasatch Mountains. Though the warm sun has softened the snow, slowing take-offs and making laddings treacherous, jumping greats like Petter Hugsted, Art Devlin, George Thrane and Art Tokle display fine form,

Here comes Norway's Petter Hugsted. Already Olympic champ and champion in his native land, Hugsted takes the U.S. crown.