

SKI-JUMPING

Garmisch-Partenkirchen, the famous Bavarian winter sports centre, opens Olympic Year 1956 with an international ski-jumping competition. Ski champions from six nations take part in this hair-raising of all sporting events.

For the first time at a West European skiing contest, there are Russian entries. They capture fourth and fifth places - but once again it is Finland, that country of born ski-jumpers, which carries off the laurels by winning first and second places.

Each competitor has two jumps, and the best average wins. Not only distance, but a good landing, count towards the result. And a good landing is no easy matter, after sailing through the air for several seconds! Here comes the winner - Silvannonen of Finland, No.47. His average - 251 feet! Quite a jump!