

Far away from the Olympic stage and its supreme competition, ~~enthusiastic~~ enthusiastic ski birds are soaring on hickory wings and then coming down ...to reality.

This was the Norge-Ski-Club-Meet at Fox River Grove, Chicago - and here's the jump that won the title. Club Captain Art Tokle flies high - for 178 feet and a perfect landing.

Nearer the Olympic scene - we find ~~the~~ ^{more experts at work} experts in action, in Austria, watched by Sir John Hunt ^{former leader of the Everest Expedition.} ~~known~~ ^{known} in another branch of winter sport.

This is the Men's Slalom event in the Hahnenkaam Ski Competition, at Kitzbuehel. ~~and~~ In their haste to save every vital second - many competitors missed the turning..

Adding to her recent triumphs, Austria filled the first three places - and, ~~the~~ the winner, Toni Sailer (who also won the Downhill Event) ^{MAKES} ~~it~~ a top-class pre-Olympic double.