

Italy: Under the symbolic banner of world-wide unity, the Seventh Winter Games opened at Cortina. In the 500 Metres Speed Skating, Johnny Cronshey set up a new British record. But in specialised winter sports, courage and determination are no match for native skill. Russia's Eugenij Grischin won the event in world record time...

A record number of thirty-two Nations are competing in the Games, and a new event, the Thirty Kilometres Cross Country Ski Race - brought a Finnish victory. ~~Walter~~ V. Hakulinen, the winner, received painful congratulations.

The Women's Ten Kilometres Cross Country Race ~~was won by Russia's~~ Ljubovj Kozyreva ~~the world~~ Champion.

~~But~~ ~~the~~ ~~enthusiasts~~ ~~are~~ ~~the~~ ~~best~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~world~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~Bobleigh~~ ~~crowd~~. Imagine speeding down a mile-long track, at anything up to eighty miles an hour, on a frail steel ~~skeleton~~ ^{bobsleigh?}

The victorious ~~two~~ ^{pair} ~~men~~ ~~both~~ ~~crew~~ were ~~both~~ Italians: but they're used to crashing a sound barrier, they're both jet pilots...