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While Britain splashes through the wettest month — ~~splashes through one depression after another~~, the high season of Winter Sport gets under way with breath-taking speed at Davos, Switzerland.

~~The~~ The World Toboggan Championships, and for some of the international aces, it's a struggle to keep in the running.

Hans Schaller of Germany won the title. The others were just glad it was over.

At Megeve, in the French Alps, ski-ing experts found the slalom event tricky going - while competing for the "Emile Allais Cup"

Altogether, there were fifty-eight gates to be negotiated: but Frenchman Jean Vuarnet took the downhill path that led to top honours.

The same skier, Vuarnet, clinched the cup when he won the Downhill Race. No wonder some of his rivals fell by the wayside.

But ski-ing has its social side, too. And though it's sometimes difficult to find a baby sitter - everyone gathered at Ehrwald, in the Austrian Tyrol - for the Ski-Ing Club's Golden Jubilee Meet.

Most youngsters, of course, master ski-ing at an early age. But sometimes they grow up too soon.

Still, keep trying, the first fifty years are the worst.

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Top speedsters from all over America challenged for the Men's National SPEED SKATING Championship. Striding away in front is thirty-six year old Kenny Bartholomew - looking a certainty for his twelfth title.

But there's many a slip. Bartholomew goes out - and Bob Snyder of Detroit comes in - for top honours in St. Paul's Winter Carnival.

Finally, an "old-fashioned winter" on the Great South Bay, introduces one of the rarest sports thrills - Ice Yachting.