

SKIING.

In Sweden, many of the world's greatest ski-experts compete in a 50 kilometres cross country race. In spite of the sunny scene that might almost be a copy of a travel poster, the temperature's well below freezing point. The skiers strike out across the countryside - 49 kilometres to go.

This is the Russian champion Kusin, who already holds the world's 30 kilometres titles. And there's Finland's Viitamen, another likely winner. But well in the lead, at the halfway mark is Kusin - he's out for another world crown.

Finland's Hakulinen, who triumphed in the Olympic Games ski-events, is going well. But still out in front is Kusin, holding grimly to his lead.

And in comes Kusin to win. In exactly 3 hours, 2 minutes and 58 seconds he's covered the course - a superb performance of stamina and skill. Now, just to celebrate, he gets the traditional tossing.

The young Russians adds another world title to his list of ski-ing triumphs.