

SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS - MEN'S SLALOM

Two weeks of hard frost and bright sunshine mean perfect conditions for the World Ski Championships at Bad Gastein, Austria. In the men's slalom, Bud Werner of America is the first away and with only one fault he weaves through the 70 flagpoles in 59.6 seconds - an excellent time for this difficult course. Beni Obermuller, West Germany, isn't so lucky. Very few manage to right themselves after a fall; on a course that drops 660 feet between start and finish, one slip is one too many!

Here's the favourite - handsome young Austrian film star Toni Sailer, champion of Cortina with four world titles to defend in this week of skiing. As he crosses the line he loses his footing - but all the same manages to clock 58.3.

But it's Sailer's team-mate Joal Rieder - who makes the most perfect run of the day - not a single fault all the way, and a style that's a joy to watch!

Over the line in 57.7 - and Joal Rieder's the new world slalom champion. Sailer's lost one of his titles - but it's still Austrian!