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24.Arlberg-Kandahar Race 1959

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2. Mens' Downhill Race

Editor's Note: The 26 year-old Austrian Karl Schranz was five-fold winner of the Kandahar-race in the last two years. In 1957 he won the Downhill Race and Combination title in Chamonix and was second by 3/10 sec. in the slalom. In 1958 Schranz was twice the fastest skier and won the Combination title. This year the world's best skiers are at the start. The favourites are Molterer-Austria, Bud Werner-USA and Reger Staub-Switzerland, -

2.1 miles
3,150ft.

The 5,400 metres track on the Kreuzjoch near Garmisch - elevation-difference is 960 metres with 11 compulsory poles. The alpine track is very fast and as the second day proved extremely tricky and dangerous. There were spills galore and happily no fatal accidents occurred.

The 97 participants start as follows: Duvillard-France, Molterer-Austria, Ferrer-Staub-Switzerland, Lanig-GFR, Vuarnet-France, Alberti-Italy, Schanz as No.13 etc . . . Off they go down the murderous track.

No.1 Duvillard-France spills
No.2 Molterer-Austria rides on one foot and just escapes a spill
Lanig-GFR (No 7) on the track - he is third
Staub-Switzerland (No 5) becomes second
Two dangerous-looking spills- favourite Bud Werner-USA (No 12) spills, but gets up unhurt
Winner of the Mens' Downhill is Schranz-Austria (No 13)

The results :

1.	Start No. 13	Schranz Karl	Austria	2.43.2
2.	5	Staub Reger	Switzerland	2.44.0
3.	7	Lanig Hans Peter	GFR	2.46.2
4.	2	Molterer Anderl	Austria	2.46.5
5.		Leitner	" "	
6.		Ferrer	Switzerland	
7.		Italy :Alberti Bruno		2.47.5
8.		Gramhaber	Austria	
9.		Beson Charles	France	2.51.4
11.		Bonlieu Francois	France	2.52.4
12.		De Nicolo Felice	Italy	2.53.2

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Mens' Downhill Race of the Kandahar Event in Garmisch

We regret most deeply that the Mens Downhill Race ended with the tragic death of the young Canadian student John Semmellink. He was thrown out of the track and flew 30 metres. Landing on a rock he was stunned and rushed to hospital. He died without regaining consciousness.

The track was extraordinarily hazardous in consequence of the weather conditions. Of the 81 starters 59 did not reach the finish. Five skiers are still in hospital.

The accident happened at the same place where Bud Werner also spilled.

It is said that the track was much faster than even the Olympic track at Cortina.

The death of the young skier, who was well-liked, was the first fatal incident in the long history of the Arlberg-Kandahar Race.