SKI ACES IN FORM.

Oberstdorf began the International ski season. Most of the best men in Europe were spacemen for a few seconds, pitting their skill against the hazards of the famous leep. The 39 competitors came from eight countries. 10,000 people cheered them on.

Unfortunately the hoped-for ideal conditions weren't realised. Slight rain made record jumps out of the question. Nevertheless, performances were high class. Or mostly so. No big meetings escapes without the inevitable spill or two. Mappily, no bones broken.

It's amazing how they go through all that and come up smiling. The local champion, Max Bolkart, simply had to stay on his feet or his life wouldn't have been worth living.

Upholding the honour of Oberstdorf, Max won the contest with a two leep average of 240 feet.