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NEWS FROM AMERICA:

Squaw Valley, on the eve of the Winter Olympic Games, prayed there'd be no more snow. The world's crack winter sports performers were trained to a hair and putting in their last practice.

Squaw Valley owes its name to the fact that in California's Red Indians days the squaws used to camp there, while the braves went deer-hunting in the mountains.

It's a far cry from Indian days, with the stage all set for the Eighth Winter Olympic Games.

All that was left of the world's largest Blimp made a sorry sight at a U.S. Naval Air Station. The airship's gondola crashed to the ground, after colliding with a hanger when a gust of wind hit the blimp. She was being towed in at the time. The fabric was ripped and the helium gas escaped. And that was the end of a naval airship that cost several million dollars.

The only consolation was it was all material damage; nobody injured.

Indoor athletics in full swing. New York fans thrilled by the Eastern Michigan Flyer, Hayes Jones, in the sixty-yards hurdles.

Time - seven-point-two seconds. Jones also won the 60-yards sprint.

In the Baxter Mile it looked a good thing for Olympic hope, Dyrrol Buleson.

Coming round into the last lap Buleson overhauled little Jim Beatty. It seemed all over bar the shouting.

But Beatty has the heart of a champion. He had enough in reserve to make a supreme effort.

And in the last stride Jim Beatty won. What a grand-stand finish.

A popular win for the five-foot-six student from North Carolina.