



SNOW GUNS AT TERRAPIN Ridge Ski Area near Elizabeth have been in constant use since last weekend making artificial snow in preparation for the first weekend of skiing at the new resort. Kenneth Schlemming of Elizabeth is shown operating such a gun. Recent cold weather and snow have made conditions at Terrapin Ridge from fair to good for the weekend.—Journal-Standard Photo.

First Ski Tourney Set At Terrapin

ELIZABETH — The Terrapin Ridge Ski Club announced Thursday that they will hold their first ski jump tournament at the run east of here on Jan. 23 starting at 1 p.m.

The club added the grounds and lodge will be open at 10 a.m. to accommodate early visitors.

John Balfanz, manager of Terrapin Ridge and U.S. ski jumping champion, said a press conference early next week will reveal details for the meet. Balfanz added he hopes to have an entry list of 60 to 80, including well-known jumpers.

Four Classes
Competition will be in four classes and sanction has already been received from the Central U.S. Skiing Association.

The new skiing area is considered the largest in the state as well as in this section of the midwest. The ski jump towers 90 feet high and extends for 195 feet in length.

Depending upon the weather and number of contestants, Balfanz said there may be as many as 100 jumps during the afternoon and the program could last as long as 2½ hours.

Jumping will be done on the approved 60-meter jump at Terrapin, the only jump in the U.S. that has four starting gates along the chute to regulate take-off speeds.

Route 72 Conference Meet Set At Byron

BYRON — The Route 72 Conference basketball tournament will begin here Tuesday with 10th frosh-soph and varsity teams competing in the meet.

The move to include the frosh-soph teams with the varsity changes the format of the tournament from a year ago.

Three games are scheduled for the first two nights of the meet with the first contest starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, two frosh-soph games are set and one varsity Wednesday night, the schedule is reversed.

Finals Saturday
Semifinal games in both divisions will be played Thursday and Friday evenings beginning at 6:45. The championship games in both brackets are Saturday at 6:45 p.m. and 8:15.

Forreston is defending champion of the meet. The Cardinals defeated Winnebago, no longer a member of the loop, for the title a year ago 90-75. Leaf River won third place.

TUESDAY, JAN. 19
Frosh-Soph Pairings
Game 1—Franklin Center vs. Byron, 8 p.m.
Game 2—Ashton vs. Leaf River, 10 p.m.

Varsity Pairings
Game 3—Byron vs. Pecatonica, 8 p.m.
Leaf River bye.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20
Frosh-Soph Pairings
Game 4—Pecatonica vs. Stillman Valley, 8 p.m.
Varsity Pairings
Game 5—Forreston vs. Franklin Center, 7:15 p.m.
Game 6—Ashton vs. Stillman Valley, 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 21
Frosh-Soph Pairings
Game 7—Forreston vs. winner Game 1, 6:45 p.m.
Varsity Pairings
Game 8—Leaf River vs. winner Game 3, 8:15 p.m.

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with a 76-60 victory over Franklin Center; however, because of the frosh-soph teams participating this year, no third place game will be held.

The tournament will be staged in Byron's new gymnasium that seats 1,560 spectators. Byron officials said another 500-700 fans can be accommodated with standing room.

The pairings for the meet follows:

Mickey Wright Repeat As Female Athlete Of Year

DALLAS (AP) — Golfer Mickey Wright is delighted to have been picked as the Female Athlete of the Year for the second straight time but she says she also is surprised.

"Naturally, I am delighted and honored. But I also was surprised. I didn't think I would win it a second time because 1964 was an Olympic year," she said Thursday night.

The 29-year-old blonde, who now has won more tournaments and more money than any other woman in pro golf, was the first choice of 118 voters on The Associated Press panel of about 250 sports writers and broadcasters.

With a total of 492 points, Miss Wright easily outdistanced Olympic swimmer Donna de Varona of Santa Barbara, Calif., who had 235 points for second place in the year-end

Skiing Open To Public At Terrapin

ELIZABETH—Terrapin Ridge Ski Area will hold its first skiing this weekend.

With moderate winter temperatures prevailing over the area the past few weeks, the first skiing of the season at the new resort near here has been delayed.

But with the recent cold temperatures and snow accumulation Thursday and Friday, John Balfanz, manager of Terrapin Ridge, said Thursday that Skiing will be open to the public this week.

24 Hours A Day
Actually, the resort has been preparing longer than the past couple of days.

"Since last weekend, we have had eight snow guns making artificial snow 24 hours a day, and except for eight of those hours, the guns have been constantly going," Balfanz related.

The American ski jumping champion said they had some artificial base earlier, but lost it through warmer temperatures.

Balfanz said he wasn't disappointed too much that the weather hasn't cooperated. "You can't fight it," he said.

Skiers who journey to Terrapin Ridge this weekend will be able to use all of the lower slopes. Balfanz added that the upper trail is half finished and possibly might be ready as well.

Latest report from the resort indicated a 45 inch base with skiing conditions from fair to good.

Littler 2-Up In San Diego Golf Tourney

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — There is a peculiar twist to the golfing career of Gene Littler, who led the way into the second round of the \$34,500 San Diego Open today.

Littler won the San Diego tournament in 1954 when he was still an amateur. But in the view of his hometown San Diego worshippers he has done little in their San Diego Open as a professional.

Littler shot a nine-under-par 62, a competitive course record in Thursday's first round. He did it with a sensational putting performance in 30-32-62 over the par 35-36-71 Stardust Country Club course.

Despite the great round, it gave Gene only a two-stroke cushion over his nearest challenger, Bud Holscher, with Holscher's 32-32-64.