

Snow Pleases Winter Resorts

State's Sports Center Operators Set for Big Season.

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The snow and cold weather looks good to at least one group of Michigan residents—the winter sports center operators in western Michigan.

Stymied by unseasonable weather and lack of snow last year, winter sports operators at Caberfae, Boyne Mountain, Echo Valley, Bull Moose Hill, Sugar Loaf, Elberta and other spots, are preparing for their biggest sports winter.

Ski Runs Improved

At Caberfae, near Cadillac, all 16 principal ski runs have been improved and a new run—restricted to expert skiers—has been cut through the scenic hills in the heart of the Manistee forest. A ski rental service has been added.

Dick McKenzie of Detroit has been named manager of the Boyne Mountain Ski club at Boyne Falls, one of

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the newer winter sports centers in western Michigan and the only club in the midwest where a chair lift serves ski enthusiasts.

The new Boyne Mountain lodge has been opened to preseason visitors.

Several new ski runs have been cut through the woods and many improvements have been instituted at the two-year-old Boyne Mountain club.

Many improvements have been instituted at Briar Hill at Mesick and Elberta Mountain at Elberta where ski jumps have been lengthened.

Petoskey has become the ice skating center of western Michigan and as a result of increased interest in the sport, has constructed a new hockey rink, making a total of three rinks there.

Harbor Springs has reconditioned Bull Moose hill for bob sledding and ice boating programs have been scheduled for Little Traverse bay.

New Slope Cut

Hans Teichner, famous ski instructor, will return to Sugar Loaf mountain near Leland where a new slope has been cut out in the eastern section.

Newest of Michigan's developments is Mad Cap, on M-115, five miles east of the US-131 intersection, operating for its first full season. Along with Caberfae and Briar Hill, Mad Cap gives the Cadillac region its third winter sports area.

Other parks awaiting opening are Echo Valley, east of Kalamazoo, the outstanding winter sports development in southern Michigan and Newaygo and Ionia winter sports areas.