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Eyes Biggest Skiing Season in Michigan



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TRAVERSE CITY (UP) — Michigan's winter sports promoters are optimistic about prospects for a record 1957-58 season despite the delayed arrival of snow at Lower Peninsula ski areas.

Slopes at Traverse City, Gaylord and Cadillac were bare earlier this week and officials at Cadillac's Caberfae sports area didn't even bother to turn on their snow-making machines in Monday's 52-degree "heat wave."

But Robert J. Furlong, secretary of the Michigan Tourist Council, said he was not concerned.

"The season normally doesn't really get underway until January anyway," he said. "By then we should have a good base on all slopes."

Furlong said more than 500,000 hunters, fishermen and skiers will participate in Michigan's expanding outdoor sports activities this winter. Skiers alone were expected to spend at least \$12,500,000. He predicted 375,000 will attend the state's 64 ski areas compared with 300,000 at 55 areas last season.

The nine new ski centers are scattered throughout the state.

Walloon Hills, near Petoskey, and Buck Hills, 10 miles southeast of Beulah, went into operation this season in West Michigan. Three new areas also were added in east Michigan—Indian Hills Ski Park, near West Branch; Summit Ski Club, near Fenton, and Grampian Mt., 14 miles north of Pontiac.

Four areas were added in the Upper Peninsula — Big Valley at Newberry, Brice's Hill near St. Ignace, Cliffs Ridge at Marquette, and Peek-a-Boo Hill between Hessel and Cedarville in the Cheneaux Island area.

Ski resorts north of the Straits have not had any trouble with lack of snow. Most of them already have at least a 12 inch base.

But six Lower Peninsula slopes have devices to manufacture artificial snow and a seventh — Traverse City's Holiday Hills — has plans for one. Snow machines went into operation this season at Caberfae, Houghton Lake's Snow Bowl, Grampian Mt., and Summit Ski Club.

Evidence that national interest is being focused on Michigan's winter sports areas came from figures released by the West Michigan Tourist and Resort Association. Requests to the Association for ski information have come from 19 states and Canada so far this year. Only five states were represented last year.

How The Pins Fell

Ladies American League

Nellie Smith hit a 458 on 179-129 and 151 to lead Petoskey Beverage to a 4-0 win over Czar's Bar. Shirley Neill had a 440 with a 159 second game while Bertha Russell totaled 417. Betty Walker had a 466 on 137-155 and 174 in a losing effort for Czars'.

Wayne Smith shutout Petoskey Moving 4-0 paced by Helen Koper with a 487 on 180-167 and 140. Leona Yahr had a 477 with a 182 starter, Dorothy Couch hit 427 with a 163 second game and Betty Yahr had a 400 ending with a 159. Betty Pollak hit 434 for the losers with a 179 second game while Erma Davis had a 404 and a 164 final game.

Shorter's Indian Craft edged Hornimans 3 to 1 led by Millie Newberg with a 477 and a 181 final game. Rose Kunkel had a 439 with a 161 second game, Ruth Shorter hit 429 with a 168 first game and Sally Piehl totaled 416. Skip Powers had a 449 including games of 151 and 166 and Audey Riggs hit 415 for the losers.

by with rookie quarterback Milton ear in a poll conducted by sports for the title. (UP Telephoto)

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march to the state class A high school football title.

Three other stories got four votes apiece, including Michigan State's football victories over Michigan and Notre Dame; Marion Ladewig's continued supremacy in women's bowling, and the trade that sent veteran left wing Ted Lindsay from the Red Wings to the Chicago Black Hawks.