



The photo on the left shows the lineup at the rope tows for skiers at Hampton Hills in the Illiniwek Forest Preserve at Hampton, Ill. Even the small fry have fun, seen in the middle picture, as Mrs. Mary Ann Mills of Davenport assists her daughter, Jennifer, age two. At the right, Doug Hosford of Davenport encounters a bit of trouble as he

tries to negotiate a turn. He banged into Times photographer, Tony Kelly, at the bottom of the hill. Often when the rope tow is out of kilter, skiers must herring-bone their steps to the top of the hill. Slips and slides are frequent if you've ever tried to walk on skis. In the low left photo, some of the boys are experiencing just such trouble.



## Whee! Let's Ski

**By JERRY JURGENS**  
Remember the days when barrel staves were used as a substitute for skis.

Well, we do. Even tried it a few times as a youngster on the slopes of old Armil's pasture. Darn near broke a leg—or neck—when the staves caught in tufts of grass, and down we went.

That, of course, was about 40 years ago.

Today, skiing has become a popular sport in the Quad-Cities.

In Davenport, most of the skiing is done on the hills at Duck Creek Park or the Davenport Country Club. Lack of a tow rope to pull the skiers back up the hill makes it about as much work as it is fun at those places, however.

The fun, of course, comes on the free and easy glide down the slopes, provided one can keep his balance.

Major organization for the sport in the area is the Mississippi Valley Ski Club which has a membership of 60 families, according to Mrs. Norman Hosford who is secretary.

President of the club is Paul Roth of Moline.

This group of skiers meets every Saturday and Sunday, when there's snow, at Hampton in the Illiniwek Forest Preserve.

Facilities there include rope tow which is available to members only.

There is no ramp for jumping. When members desire to do some leaping, they usually mound the snow—an improvised substitute for a ramp.

Dr. John Syverud is in charge of the organization's ski patrol whose chief duties are to administer first aid in case of injuries.

According to Harold Rud, president of the Norge Ski Club at Fox River Grove, Ill., the formative years for those who wish to achieve later success in skiing are between 10 and 14.

Rud said recently that a college scholarship plan now under way, should carry them into adult competition later.

Several schools—Michigan State, Colorado and New England Universities—include skiing on their athletic programs.

### IN SATURDAY GAMES

#### Central To Play Clinton; West Invades Rock Island

Both Central and West High School basketball teams engage MVC and even-Stephen at 7:30 p.m. Saturday night.

Central already owns a victory 37-34 over Clinton this season.

UP AND DOWN  
The River Kings, however, have been an up-and-down team all year and could have one of their better nights Saturday to make the Blue Devils go all out. And they may be tired after the skirmish at Moline tonight.

Dick Broderson, 6-9 center, and Tom Nesbitt, hot-shooting guard, are the main Clinton scoring threats.

The River Kings will be able to use Lee Brothers and Noel Rasmussen in this game. Because of a difference in age-limit ratings, those two lads are not eligible to play in Illinois. The other River King starter is Jim Law at forward.

No changes are contemplated in the Central lineup which has Jim Hester and Kim Kelley at forwards, Dave Schwebel at center, and Gene Lucht and John

Stoner figures to go with his usual lineup of Lee Andre and Wayne Fourmier at forwards, Dan McCleary at center, and Devan Arp and Jim Deters at guard.

Top reserves, and either one might be a starter, are Bob Duffield, center, forward, and Dick Phillips guard.

Coach Bob Riley of the Rocks has indicated he'll go with his

## Marian Cagers Invade MVC Swim Assumption Saturday Meet Set Saturday

Assumption's basketball Knights seek to break a three-game losing streak Saturday night when they battle Marian Catholic of Chicago in the Knight gym. The varsity tilt will get underway at about 8:15 p.m.

The last three games for the Knights tell the story of the entire season. The three losses were by a total of 18 points. One was by two and another by three. They have not been able to come up with the big basket when it is needed.

The latest setback was to Wartburg of Dubuque, 66-57. The Knights beat the Dubuque team in the first meeting.

Bob Webb, former St. Ambrose star, is the coach of the Chicago team. This is only the third year of existence for Marian.

PRELIMINARY GAME  
Marian will not bring its sophomores. The preliminary game will be between the Assumption and Alleman sophomores, beginning at 8:45 o'clock.

Tonight's cage slate finds Davenport Central at Moline, Cedar Rapids Washington at Jefferson, North Scott at DeWitt St. Joseph, Muscatine at Bettendorf and St. Ambrose at Western Illinois on the college scene.

Moline will be seeking revenge against Central, which is the only team to beat the Maroons this year.

SECOND WIN  
North Scott will be after its second win of the year over St. Joe. The Lancers own a 9-4 mark for the season and have clinched at least a share of the Missouri Conference crown.

Bettendorf '32 in Little Six play will be playing a Muscatine team that has managed only one win against 10 losses.

Three wrestling matches are on tap for tonight. Central seeks win No. 8 at Dubuque, West visits

Clinton and Assumption meets Alleman in the Knight gym. Saturday finds six other games on the schedule. Clinton is at Central, West plays in Rock Island, Dubuque invades Iowa City and Moline plays host to East Moline in Mississippi Valley Conference action.

On the college scene St. Ambrose meets Chicago Teachers at Assumption Saturday afternoon, beginning at 3 p.m. and Moline Community College plays at Burlington.

The Mississippi Valley swimming meet is slated for Saturday in the Cedar Rapids Washington pool. Preliminaries begin at 1 p.m. and the finals are at 7 o'clock.

Seven conference schools have swimming teams—Central, West, Moline, Rock Island, Clinton, Washington and Jefferson. The other schools may enter individuals if they wish.

Moline has established itself as the team to beat for the title. Clinton should finish in the runner-up spot with Rock Island and Washington fighting it out for the third spot.

On Sunday Alleman begins play in the Diocesan cage Tournament at Peoria.

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