

# STAR'S SKI REPORT

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Two full days of skiing activities, torchlight parades, the crowning of a Snow Queen—are just a few of the items on the agenda of the annual Northern Ontario recreational ski week-end tomorrow and Sunday at the Northern Ski club near Haileybury.

Hundreds of skiers from all parts of the province are expected, according to ski club president John McKnight. The Northern Ski club is situated at Cross Lake between Cobalt and Haileybury.

A municipal banquet will start the activities tomorrow night, followed by a torchlight parade, with the crowning of the Snow Queen Sunday afternoon. McKnight reports all the club's facilities are ready, including the new 1,200-foot electric tow.

A hand-picked team of 13 Canadian skiers is competing in this week-end's U.S. junior skiing championships at Franconia, New Hampshire. The Canadian contingent includes three dominion junior titleholders—Sudbury's teen-age sensation, Bob Gray, British Columbia's Mickey Johnson and Ottawa's Hughie Harris. Also on the team are Jill Wishert of the Osler Bluffs Ski club, Collingwood; London's John Todd and London's Ian Griffen. The Canadians will be competing against several members of the U.S. Olympic ski team.

Although still on the injured list, Owen Sound's Jim Georgas is coaching the young Canadians in their try at the U.S. championship meet. . . . Also this week-end is the annual University of Toronto girls' giant slalom meet at Collingwood's Blue Mountain lodge tomorrow afternoon. . . . Nearby Osler Bluffs Ski club is holding its annual club championship meet Saturday and Sunday.

Here, with the co-operation of the Toronto Ski club, is The Star's ski report with the latest information available:

**Barrie (Midhurst)**—Reports excellent condition on the tow hills with powder snow on a packed base. Eighteen inches on the hills, 36 in the bush. Tows operating.

**Bracebridge**—Excellent with a powder snow over a hard crusty base. Fourteen inches on the slopes, two more in bush.

**Burlington (Cedar Springs)**—Slight thawing here but still good with four inches of hard packed snow on hills, six inches in bush.

**Cobourg**—Excellent on the hills, good in the bush with six inches of packed snow on the slopes, ten in bush.

**Craigleith (Collingwood)**—Top conditions with Poma Lift and all tows running. Two inches new snow on packed base with a total of 18 inches of snow on hills, 20 in bush.

**Dagmar**—It's good here. One inch of new snow on a packed base with a total of 18 inches on hills, 23 in bush. Tows running.

**Flesherton-Markdale**—Ten to 16 inches of snow on hills, 24 in the bush with six inches of new stuff on a packed base. It's excellent.

**Gravenhurst**—Have snow but no tow. Ten inches of loose snow on hills and a dozen in the bush for good skiing.

**Haileybury**—A perfect report for this week-end's colorful festivities with 23 inches of powder snow on hills, 26 in bush and the tows are operating.

**Huntsville**—Icy conditions for poor skiing. Four inches of snow on hills, 12 in bush with tows running.

**Kirkland Lake**—Excellent here also with 22 inches of packed snow on hills, 32 in the bush.

**Kitchener**—No skiing.

**Larder Lake**—New snow on packed base for excellent week-end forecast. Two dozen inches on the slopes, 32 in the bush.

**Limberlost (Sinclair Twp.)**—Very good with tows operating and night skiing. Ten inches of powder snow on hills, twice as much in the bush.

**Midland**—Regular skiing and jumping, both excellent with 16 inches of snow on the hills, 24 in the bush. Two inches of new snow on a packed base.

**Newmarket**—Thawing a bit here but reports still fair to good with five to seven inches of packed snow on hills, seven inches in the bush.

**North Bay**—Ten inches of hard packed snow on the slopes, 20 on the hill for good skiing.

**Orangeville (Hockley)**—A dozen inches of powder snow on the hills, 18 in the bush for excellent skiing.

**Owen Sound**—Bill Georgas reports a dozen inches of packed snow on hills, 20 in bush for good skiing. But they haven't got any tows yet.

**Peterborough (Bethany)**—Good here with seven inches of packed snow on hills, a dozen in bush with tows running.

**Raglan (Oshawa)**—Only fair with ten inches of packed snow on the slopes and a dozen in the bush.

**Sudbury (Levack)**—Plenty of the white stuff up, they've even got some to spare with 27 inches of packed snow on the hills and 45 inches in the bush for excellent skiing this week-end.

**Sundridge**—Excellent but not as much snow. There's 15 inches of packed snow on the slopes and 17 in the bush for excellent skiing.

**Summit (Toronto)**—Reports give it good conditions but warm weather may change that. Eight inches of packed snow on hills, ten in the bush.

**Parry Sound**—Six inches of new powder snow on top of a packed base for excellent skiing around these parts. Total depth of 20 inches of snow on the tow hills and ten more in the bush.

## FIRST-PERIOD SURGE HOLDS FOR PONTIACS

Orillia, March 2—In one of the fastest first periods seen here in some time, Orillia Pontiacs got off to a flying start with a 5-1 lead, to go on and thump the Meaford Knights 10-6 here last night before 1,200 fans. The game was the first in a three-out of five series to decide the championship of the Georgian Bay league. As usual, the league's top scorer Ken Sinclair led the Pontiacs with a three-goal effort.

Kenny Robertson and Clary Payne slammed in a brace of goals apiece and singles were notched by Russ Brankston, Whitney Mousseau and Rusty Aiken. Big gun for the visiting Knights was Ray McCallum with two goals.

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