



sports substructures

Alpine events

Extensive embankings were completed on the runs of the Olympic courses at Chamrousse last year, representing the major part of a programme to be continued this summer.

Two seat-lifts planned as part of the Olympic facilities programme were put into service at the beginning of the year, and two others will be installed presently, completing the network of mechanical ski-lifts.

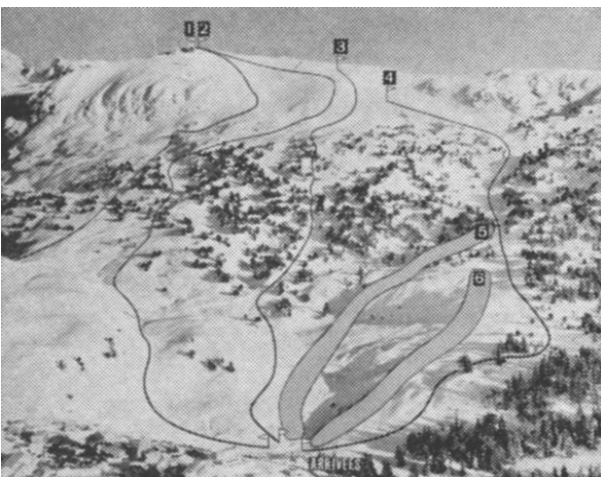
The entire layout will again be tested from 8 to 19 February 1967, this time on a larger scale, on the occasion of an "International Ski Week" open to competitors from all nations.

The study of the alternative courses which are to be at Alpe d'Huez is being actively pursued.

Nordic events

The various required courses which have been created at Autrans for these events were tested

Chamrousse. Alpine events. 1 : men's downhill ; 2 : ladies' downhill ; 3 : men's giant slalom ; 4 : ladies' giant slalom ; 5 : men's slalom stadium ; 6 : ladies' slalom stadium.



during the French Championships. Modifications of detail remain to be carried out on these trails to take count of the observations made by the international experts who were invited for the occasion. The situation of the whole was, however, confirmed, particularly as pertains to the principle of a start and finish stadium common to all events. Certain additional projects consisting essentially of an improvement of the profile of the runs and construction of a shooting range for the biathlon events, will be achieved this summer.

The 70 m. jump of Autrans was used during the French Championships this past winter, on which the bulk of work was done in record time last year. The complement of arrangements on this ski jump will be executed this summer.

The construction plan of the 90 m. ski-jump at Saint-Nizier-du-Moucherotte, established in collaboration with Mr. Klopfer, F.I.S. technical delegate, has been achieved and construction has begun early in May 1966. The bulk will be completed by next winter in order for an international event to be held under limited but significant and instructive conditions for the programme's continuation.

A special effort has been planned concerning arrangements of the landscape of this site of particular beauty.

Bobsleigh events

Consultations are being held, and bids of construction companies considered, with reference to the project already discussed with the International Federation. Work began at Alpe d'Huez early this summer.

The Organizing Committee has committed itself to the accomplishment of the essential aspects of this undertaking during the summer 1966, in order to enable the staging of the World Bobsleigh Championships in February 1967, the organization of which was entrusted to Alpe d'Huez.

Luge events

Here as well the bulk of the project will be accomplished this summer to permit the organization of an international competition next February at Villard-de-Lans.

Skating and hockey events

Construction of necessary facilities began at the beginning of 1966 in Grenoble. The foundations of the large skating rink with a capacity for 14 000 spectators, are already above earth-level and completion is scheduled for the summer of 1967.

Construction of the speed ring is in active progress and will be completed for the most part

by the end of the year. An international trial event will take place on this ring in January 1967.

Opening ceremony

The decision was taken to hold the opening ceremony in the existing municipal stadium of the Paul-Mistral Park. This solution presents a certain number of advantages, the first of which being that it will closely associate the Grenoble

population with the ceremony. The Organizing Committee envisions the possibility of a capacity of 40 000 to 45 000 in the stadium with the aid of provisional arrangements now under study. The ceremony itself which is to take place there will be preceded by a parade of the different delegations through the Paul-Mistral Park, permitting an extremely large number of Grenoble inhabitants to participate in the celebration.

Autrans. Nordic events. 1 : 70 and 40 m. jumpfill ; 2 : olympic village ; 3 : stadium ; 4 : shooting range ; 5: start ; 6 : finish.



Alpe d'Huez. Bobsleigh run. 1 : start ; 2 : finish.



Villard-de-Lans. Luge run.
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