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"The International Skating Union prides itself on having its two sports, speed skating and figure skating, on the programme of the Innsbruck Winter Games, as indeed they have been since the creation of the Winter Games in 1924. There is even good reason to think that it greatly contributed to the foundation of the Games since figure skating competitions were held already at the Games in London in 1908 and again at Antwerp in 1920.

I take this opportunity of recalling the seniority of these sports, as the 1st world speed skating championships took place in 1889 and the 1st European figure skating championships in 1891.

I have absolute confidence that our Austrian friends, strengthened by their 1964 experience, will make a complete success of these 1976 Winter Games.

I am also convinced that the ice dance events and the men's 1000 m., which form part of the Innsbruck Games' programme, will prove their interest, which will ultimately persuade the International Olympic Committee to adopt them in the future."

J. F.
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Skating: speed

<i>Men</i>		<i>Women</i>	
500 m.:	10th February - 10.30 h.	500 m.:	6th February - 10.30 h.
1,000 m.:	12th February - 10.00 h.	1,000 m.:	7th February - 10.30 h.
1,500 m.:	13th February - 10.00 h.	1,500 m.:	5th February - 10.00 h.
5,000 m.:	11th February - 9.30 h.	3,000 m.:	8th February - 9.45 h.
10,000 m.:	14th February - 9.00 h.		

Skating: figure

<i>Men</i>		<i>Women</i>	
<i>Compulsory:</i>	8th February - 8.00 h.	10th February - 8.00 h.	
<i>Short prog.:</i>	9th February - 14.30 h.	11th February - 14.30 h.	
<i>Free:</i>	11th February - 19.30 h.	13th February - 19.30 h.	
<i>Pairs</i>		<i>Ice dancing</i>	
<i>Short prog.:</i>	5th February - 20.00 h.	<i>Compulsory 1:</i>	4th February - 17.00 h.
<i>Free:</i>	7th February - 19.30 h.	<i>Compulsory 2:</i>	5th February - 18.00 h.
<i>Exhibition:</i>	15th February - 16.30 h.	<i>Free:</i>	9th February - 19.30 h.