



OLYMPIC GAMES



ST. MORITZ

February 11 - February 19, 1928



Time for Switzerland...

The 1928 Winter Olympics, officially known as the II Olympic Winter Games (Les Iles Jeux olympiques d'hiver / Olympische Winterspiele / II Giochi olimpici invernali / Gieus olimpics d'enviern 1928), were celebrated February 11-19, 1928 in St. Moritz, Switzerland. The 1928 Games were the first true Winter Olympics held on its own as they were not in conjunction with a Summer Olympics. The preceding 1924 Games were retroactively renamed the inaugural Winter Olympics, though they had been in fact part of the 1924 Summer Olympics. All preceding Winter Events of the Olympic Games were the winter sports part of the schedule of the Summer Games, and not held as a separate Winter Games. These

games also replaced the now redundant Nordic Games, that were held quadrennially since early in the century.

Fluctuating weather conditions made these Olympics



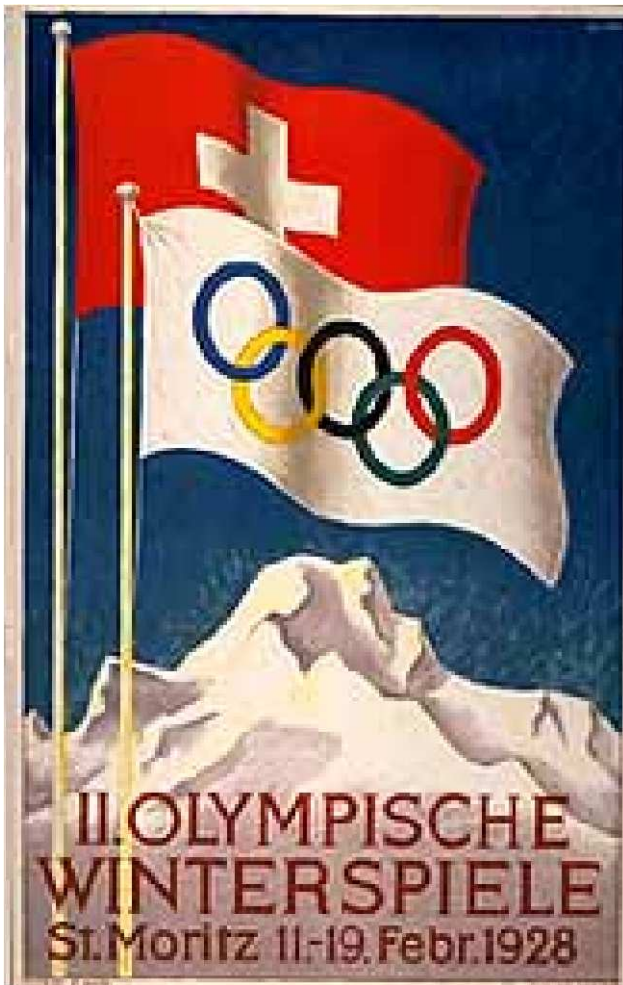
memorable. The opening ceremony was held in a blizzard. In contrast, warm weather conditions plagued the Olympics for the remainder of the Games, requiring cancellations of one event with temperatures as high as 25 °C (77 °F).



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SPORTS

Medals were awarded in 14 events contested in 4 sports (8 disciplines).

Bobsleigh (1 event)

Skeleton (1 event)

Ice hockey (1 event)

Figure skating (3 events)

Speed skating (4 events)

Cross-country skiing (2 events)

Nordic combined (1 event)

Ski jumping (1 event)

Demonstration sports:

Military patrol

Skijoring



Per-Erik Hedlund



Sonia Henie



Ivar Ballangrud

Venues

VENUE	SPORTS
St. Moritz Olympic Ice Rink	Figure skating / Ice hockey / Speed skating
Around the hills of St. Moritz	Cross-country skiing / Nordic combined
Olympiaschanze St. Moritz	Nordic combined / Ski jumping
St. Moritz-Celerina Olympic Bobrun	Bobsleigh
<u>Cresta Run</u>	Skeleton

MISCELLANEA


























*Sonja Henie wins her first gold medal in women's figure skating.

*Ivar Ballangrud won the Olympic title in the 5,000m speed skating and Clas Thunberg won the 500m and the 1,500m.

*The Games were opened by President Edmund Schulthess

*The Olympic Oath was given by Hans Eidenbenz

*The single bronze medal won by Switzerland is the lowest output by a host nation at an Olympics.

NATION	PARTICIPANTS
ARGENTINA 	10
AUSTRIA 	39
BELGIUM 	25
CANADA 	23
CZECHOSLOVAKIA 	29
ESTONIA 	2
FINLAND 	18
FRANCE 	38
GERMANY 	44
GREAT BRITAIN 	32
HUNGARY 	13
ITALY 	13
JAPAN 	6
LATVIA 	1
LITHUANIA 	1
LUXEMBOURG 	5
MEXICO 	5
NETHERLANDS 	7
NORWAY 	25
POLAND 	26
ROMANIA 	10
SWEDEN 	24
SWITZERLAND 	41
UNITED STATES 	24
YUGOSLAVIA 	6

Athletes from 25 nations competed at these Games, up from 16 in 1924.

Nations making their first appearance at the Winter Olympic Games were Argentina (first participation of a delegation coming from a country belonging to the Southern Hemisphere), Estonia, Germany, Japan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, Romania.

POLISH PARTICIPATION

BOBSLEIGH

Józef Broel-Plater,
Jerzy Bardiński,
Jerzy Łucki,
Jerzy Potulicki-Skórzewski,
Antoni Bura – 17th place

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Andrzej Krzeptowski II – 25th (18km); 13th (50km)
Zdzisław Motyka – 23rd (18km)
Józef Bujak (photo below on the right) – 18th (18km);
19th (50km)
Stanisław Wilczyński – Do Not Finished (DNF – 50km)
Franciszek Kawa – 27th (50km)



ICE HOCKEY

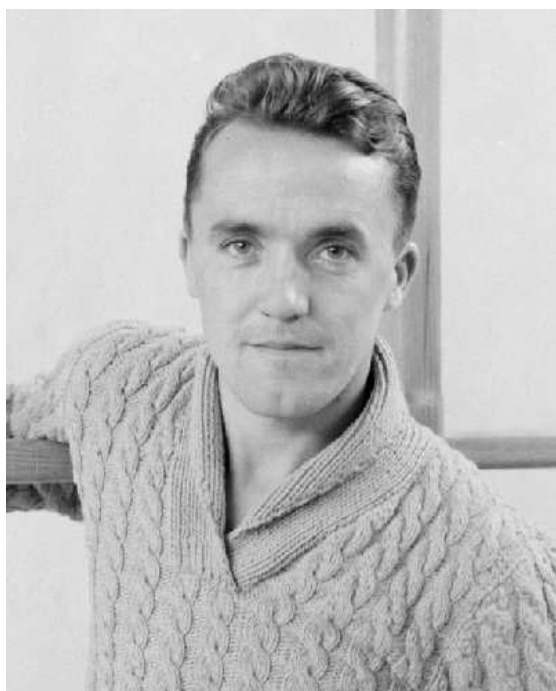
Tadeusz "Ralf" Adamowski (photo above), Edmund Czaplicki, Aleksander Kowalski,
Włodzimierz Krygier, Lucjan Kulej, Stanisław Pastecki, Aleksander Słuczanowski, Józef
Stogowski, Karol Szenajch, Aleksander Tupalski, Kazimierz Żebrowski –
9th place (2:2 against Sweden and 2:3 with Czechoslovakia)

NORDIC COMBINED

Aleksander Rozmus – 22th
Stanisław Motyka – 24th
Bronisław Czech – 10th
Andrzej Krzeptowski I - DNF

SKI JUMPING

Aleksander Rozmus – 25th
Stanisław Gąsienica-Sieczka – 23th
Andrzej Krzeptowski I – 27th
Bronisław Czech (photo below on the left) – 37th



Medal count

RANK	NATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1.	NORWAY	6	4	5	15
2.	UNITED STATES	2	2	2	6
3.	SWEDEN	2	2	1	5
4.	FINLAND	2	1	1	4
5.	CANADA	1	0	0	1
	FRANCE	1	0	0	1
7.	AUSTRIA	0	3	1	4
8.	BELGIUM	0	0	1	1
	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	0	0	1	1
	GERMANY	0	0	1	1
	GREAT BRITAIN	0	0	1	1
	SWITZERLAND	0	0	1	1
		14	12	15	41

MAJOR STARS

Jennison Heaton (USA - photo on the right) - gold in skeleton and silver in five-man bobsleigh; his brother **John** was a silver medalist in skeleton

Canadian hockey team (represented by University of Toronto Grads) - won gold medal scoring 32 goals in three games (with zero at the back)

David Trottier (Canada) - top scorer of ice hockey tournament (12 goals and 3 assists)

Gillis Emanuel Grafström (Sweden) - won his third consecutive gold in figure skating

Sonja Henie (Norway) - won her first gold medal in figure skating

Arnold Clas ("Classe") Robert Thunberg (Finland) - won two more golds in speed skating; he had already won 3 golds, 1 silver and 1 bronze in 1924

Ivar Eugen Ballangrud (Norway) - won his first gold medal in speed skating

Bernt Evensen (Norway) - won three medals in speed skating (of all three colours)

Johan Hagbart Pedersen Grottnumsbraaten (Norway) - two golds in Cross-country skiing and Nordic combined

