



OLYMPIC GAMES



LAKE PLACID

February 04 - February 15, 1932



American winter

The 1932 Winter Olympics, officially known as the III Olympic Winter Games, were a winter multi-sport event in the United States, held in Lake Placid, New York. The games opened on February 4 and closed on February 15. It was the first of four Winter Olympics held in the United States; Lake Placid hosted again in 1980.

The games were awarded to Lake Placid in part by the efforts of Godfrey Dewey, head of the Lake Placid Club and son of Melvil Dewey, inventor of the Dewey Decimal System. California also had a bid for the 1932 Winter Games. William May Garland, president of the California X Olympiad Association, wanted the games to take place in Wrightwood

and Big Pines, California. The world's largest ski jump at the time was con-



structed in Big Pines for the event, but the games were ultimately awarded to Lake Placid.

The Games were opened by Franklin D. Roosevelt, then the Governor of New York. He was elected President of the United States nine months later.

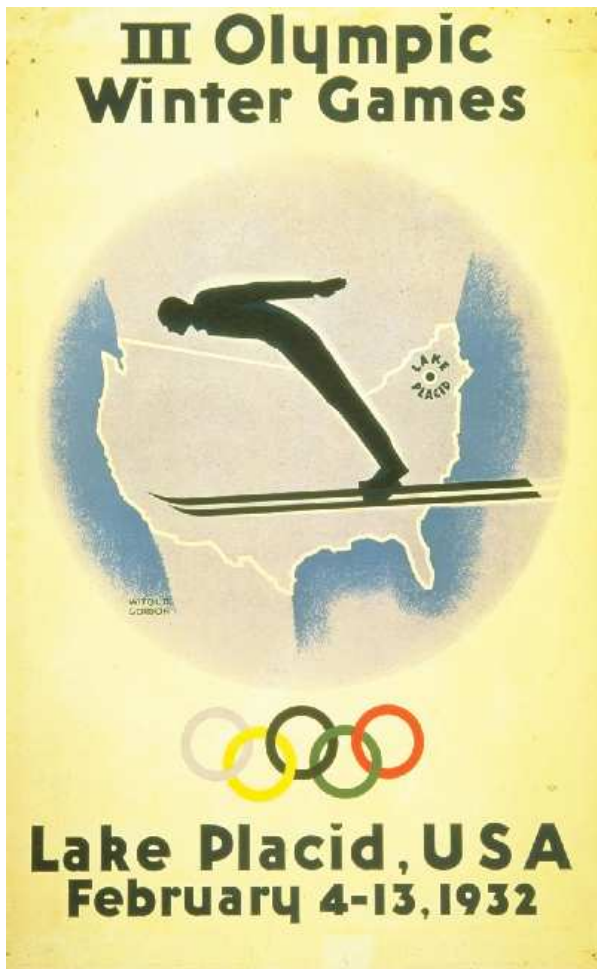
The Olympic Oath was given by Jack Shea a speed skater who later won two gold medals (photo on the right).



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These were the last Winter Olympics without alpine skiing, which was added in 1936. Alpine skiing held its 1932 World Championships during the Olympics, February 4–6 in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy.



Birger Ruud (Ski jumping)

SPORTS

Medals were awarded in 14 events contested in 4 sports (7 disciplines)

Bobsleigh (2 events)

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:

Curling

Sled dog race

Speed skating (women)



Veli Saarinen (Finland - Cross-country skiing)

Venues

VENUE	SPORTS
Intervales Ski-Hill	Nordic combined / Ski jumping
Lake Placid	Cross-country skiing / Nordic combined
Mt. Van Hoevenberg Bob-Run	Bobsleigh
Olympic Arena	Figure skating / Ice hockey
Olympic Stadium	Ice hockey / Speed skating

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













Sonja Henie won the second of three consecutive Olympic gold medals in figure skating. She also won gold in 1928 and 1936.

Irving Jaffee won the 5,000 m and the 10,000 m speedskating gold medals, beating previous champion and world record holder Ivar Ballangrud in the 10,000 m by 4.5 m, mainly because the favourites were unaccustomed to the common start.

Eddie Eagan (see photo) became the only Olympian to win gold medals at both the summer and winter games in different sports. He won gold in boxing in the 1920 Antwerp summer games and gold in bobsleigh at Lake Placid.

The USA won the medal tally with a total of 12 medals (6 gold, 4 silver, and 2 bronze).



NATION	PARTICIPANTS
AUSTRIA 	7
BELGIUM 	5
CANADA 	42
CZECHOSLOVAKIA 	6
FINLAND 	7
FRANCE 	8
GERMANY 	20
GREAT BRITAIN 	4
HUNGARY 	4
ITALY 	12
JAPAN 	16
NORWAY 	19
POLAND 	15
ROMANIA 	4
SWEDEN 	12
SWITZERLAND 	7
UNITED STATES 	64



Athletes from 17 nations competed in these Games, down from 25 nations at the previous Games in 1928. Argentina, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, and Yugoslavia did not send athletes to Lake Placid.

POLISH PARTICIPATION

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Zdzisław Motyka - 32nd (18km); DNF (did not finished - 50km)
Stanisław Skupień - 31st (18km); DNF (did not finished - 50km)
Stanisław Marusarz - 27th (18km)
Bronisław Czech - 18th (18km)

ICE HOCKEY

Adam Kowalski, Aleksander Kowalski, Włodzimierz Krygier, Witalis Ludwiczak, Czesław Marchewczyk, Kazimierz Materski, Albert Mauer, Roman Sabiński, Kazimierz Sokołowski, Józef Stogowski - 4th place (Germany 1-2 & 1-4, United States 1-4 & 0-5, Canada 0-9 & 0-10),

NORDIC COMBINED

Bronisław Czech - 7th
Andrzej Marusarz - 19th
Stanisław Marusarz - 27th (on the right)

SKI JUMPING

Bronisław Czech - 12th (photo below)
Andrzej Marusarz - 22th
Stanisław Marusarz - 17th



Medal count

RANK	NATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1.	UNITED STATES	6	4	2	12
2.	NORWAY	3	4	3	10
3.	SWEDEN	1	2	0	3
4.	CANADA	1	1	5	7
5.	FINLAND	1	1	1	3
6.	AUSTRIA	1	1	0	2
7.	FRANCE	1	0	0	1
8.	SWITZERLAND	0	1	0	1
9.	GERMANY	0	0	2	2
10.	HUNGARY	0	0	1	1
		14	14	14	42

MAJOR STARS

Eddie Eagan (USA) - Olympic champion in 1920 in boxing and gold medalist in 1932 in four-men bobsleigh

Clifford Gray and Billy Fiske (USA) - won their second Olympic golds in bobsleigh

Sonia Henie (Norway) - won her second Olympic gold in figure skating

Andrée Brunet and Pierre Brunet (France) - won their second gold in figure skating (photo on the right)

Gillis Emanuel Grafström (Sweden) - after having won in 1920, 1924 and 1928, he was beaten by Karl Schaefer and he won "only" silver medal in figure skating

Jack Shea and Irving Jaffee (USA) - they both won two golds in speed skating

Johan Grottnumsbraten (Norway) - won his third Olympic gold (Nordic combined)

Birger Ruud (Norway) - won his first gold medal in ski jumping

Canadian hockey team - won their fourth consecutive gold medal

