



Lukin Robinson



Peter Robinson



Bill Ball



Norman Gagné

## OLYMPIA

AT A MEETING of the Executive of the 1936 Canadian Olympic Ski Committee held in the Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal, on Tuesday, April 16, it was unanimously decided that the following, subject to future contingencies and sufficient financial support, be appointed to the 1936 Canadian Olympic Ski Team:—

KARL BAADSVIK, Jumping, Combined, Slalom, Downhill, Viking Ski Club, Montreal.

W. L. BALL, Combined, Slalom, Downhill, Red Birds Ski Club, Montreal.

W. G. "BUD" CLARK, Combined, Slalom, Downhill, St. Patrick's College Outing Club, Ottawa.

NORMAN GAGNE, Jumping, Club Ski-To, Montreal.

HANS GUNNARSON, Jumping, Combined, Revelstoke Ski Club, Revelstoke, B.C.

TOM MOBRAETEN, Jumping, Combined, Vancouver Ski Club, Vancouver, B.C.

\*LUKIN ROBINSON, Jumping, Slalom, Downhill, Toronto Ski Club, Toronto.

\*PETER ROBINSON, Jumping, Slalom, Downhill, Toronto Ski Club, Toronto.

\*The two Robinson brothers are now in Europe and have had much experience in Jumping, Slalom and Downhill Racing with the foremost skiers there.

The men chosen to comprise our necessarily small but representative team have all justly earned for themselves the honour of a place on the Canadian Team. During the past and previous years they have distinguished themselves in many ski tournaments and your Committee very definitely considers that with the above men it will be possible to enter full teams of our men in each of the various events which are on the Olympic Schedule. In practically every case the men chosen are combined men and in this way adequate provision is made for reserve strength in each event in case of accident or sickness.

1936 CANADIAN OLYMPIC SKI COMMITTEE:—W. B. Thompson, *Chairman*; H. P. Douglas, *Finance*; A. S. Dawes, *Finance*; C. E. Mortureux, S. R. Lockeberg, H. S. Johannsen, H. T. Cliff, David Orr, Kennington Hague.

KARL BAADSVIK, Viking Ski Club, Montreal, was born in 1910 near Trondheim, Norway, in the middle of some of the most famous Norwegian ski country. There he took a successful part in a great number of competitions, and when his family in 1929 moved to Montreal, he immediately joined the local ski club and started on his really remarkable Canadian ski career.

Since then he has won almost every possible ski championship in Eastern Canada and as Dominion Combined Champion in 1933 and 1934 the highest Canadian ski honours.

Karl is one of the steadiest consistent ski jumpers in Eastern Canada—good style, great courage and sound judgment. In downhill and slalom he is also one of our very best, as is proven by this year winning the Quebec-Kandahar event under the toughest possible conditions.

An all-round athlete, he is also a noted canoeist, and the only man who consecutively won the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Single Dominion Championships.

Extremely modest and popular with all his many friends, the Canadian Team is fortunate indeed in having him as a member.

TOM MOBRAETEN, Vancouver Ski Club, was born in Norway in February, 1910, and like all boys in that country jumped from the cradle on to ski and has been jumping ever since. In Norway he jumped many times with the World Champion, Berger Ruud, one winning one time and the other another, and was considered one of the best jumpers in Kongsberg. Coming to Canada in 1930, he has taken part in all leading tournaments in the Pacific Northwest winning many prizes. With his European experience and great ability Tom should be a most valued member of the Canadian Olympic Ski Team.

HANS GUNNARSON, Revelstoke Ski Club, was born in Salangen, Norway, in 1910, his family moving to Revelstoke in 1913, when he was but three years old. At the early age of 5, at Revelstoke, he won his first prize in a Boy Scout class and ever since has been a consistent winner. He has jumped on all our Western hills and several in the United States and holds a long standing record of 281 feet. He comes of a ski-ing family as both his father and mother are long distance champions and his three brothers, Karl, Gunnar and Emil are leading ski men in their class. He is an all-round skier of high ability and today, at 25, is equally at home in jumping, slalom and racing, and in his long competitive career has won many first class cups and trophies.

W. G. "BUD" CLARK, St. Patrick's College, Ottawa, was born in Ottawa, Canada, in 1910, starting ski-ing at an early age. In 1928 representing the Ottawa Ski Club, "Bud" took part in his first major competitions, placing second and sixth respectively in the C.A.S.A. and Eastern American Championships. In 1929 he won the Ontario and Quebec Cross-Country Championships. He took up jumping in 1929 getting second in the C.A.S.A. Combined Event. From 1929 to 1935, he was always well up in all Canadian competitions and was selected as a member of the 1932 Olympic Team at Lake Placid. In 1935, he was second in the C.A.S.A. Combined and third in the Cross-Country. "Bud" takes his ski-ing seriously, is always in condition and can be depended upon to do his best.



Karl Baadsvik



Tom Mobraeten



Hans Gunnarson

Bud Clark

WILLIAM L. BALL, Red Birds Ski Club, Montreal, was born July 18, 1908, in Montreal, Canada. He attended Roslyn Preparatory School and then Westmount High School, where he distinguished himself by setting a record for the mile that stood for eight years. Entered McGill University in 1927 and graduated in 1934. On the McGill Ski Team from 1927 to 1934, a consistent performer, and at one time Intercollegiate Cross-Country and Downhill champion. Also captain of the team for two years. He was a member of the Red Birds Ski Team that visited Switzerland in 1933 and won the International Universities ski relay race against the best teams of Europe. He has been for years one of the leading men in cross-country, downhill and slalom racing in Eastern Canada, also a useful jumper. In 1935, he won two all-round combined ski championships in the Laurentians, was fourth in the Ontario, third in the Quebec and second in the Dominion Combined Championships, losing out in the latter to W. G. Clark by only a third of a point. He is the present Ontario Slalom Champion and was second in the Quebec-Kandahar Downhill, a remarkably fine record. Bill has all kinds of nerve, long experience, and should show up well particularly in the Olympic Downhill and Slalom events.

NORMAN GAGNE, Club Ski-To, Montreal, is the only French-Canadian on our Olympic Ski Team. He was born in Montreal, January 3, 1911, and all his ski experience has been in and around there. He has always specialized in jumping and has steadily come forward year by year. In 1934-35, he won the Open Championship of the Montreal Ski Club and was placed well up in all the major jumping events and third in the 1935 C.A.S.A. Tournament. Norman has excellent style, is most consistent, has lots of strength and courage, and will make a good showing.

PETER ROBINSON, Toronto Ski Club, was born in Toronto in 1915. As a small boy he spent four winters at school in Switzerland skiing every year under the instruction of Hans Burgener, Grindelwald guide, an expert skier and born teacher, learning with his brother, Lukin, a fundamentally correct technique.

In 1928-29, he skied at the Summit Toronto, and returning to Switzerland in 1931 began competing in important jumping events and taking up downhill racing in 1933, meeting with many successes.

Today Peter is recognized as one of the best of the younger men in Europe and with his knowledge of local conditions will add great strength to the Canadian Team, provided his work permits his joining with us.

LUKIN ROBINSON, Toronto Ski Club, was born in Toronto on June 19, 1916. At the age of eight went to Switzerland where he first learned how to ski and jump. In 1928, he skied at the Summit Toronto for two winters, entering some jumping competitions. Returning to Switzerland, he took up skiing seriously, two years later winning two visitors races and jumping on a big hill for the first time. The following winter he broke his arm and after that turned to practising downhill, skiing a great deal with his brother, Peter, and Swiss and English experts. Lukin made a fine record in 1934-35, and is considered one of the coming younger ski men, and being so well acquainted with European conditions may be expected to make a good showing.

### Olympic Items

Further sidelights on the Olympic Winter Games are to be found in this issue of the CANADIAN SKI YEAR BOOK. The American angle is touched upon by Frank Elkins in his review of the last season in the United States; the problems of finance are indicated in The Editor's Comments, and more is conveyed in The President's Message. Below is further information.

**JUMPING.**—For ski jumping, the Organizing Committee reconstructed the old sports ground on the Gudiberg and have created a ski-ing stadium with two ski jumps which will satisfy the requirements of the Olympic Winter Games in every respect.

The "Great Olympia Jump" was opened in February, 1934 and on the official trial jumps, eleven achieved jumps of as much as 82 metres without a single fall, and without making full use of the starting run. The scale of this huge jump is so vast that a starting tower 140 feet high was necessary in order to give the jumper a jumping speed of from 22 to 23 metres per second necessary for jumps of from 70 to 80 metres on a starting run 70 metres long with a gradient of about 35 degrees. Jumping on the Gudiberg will, therefore, be done in future at a speed of 80 and more kilometres per hour. The "Great Olympia Jump" will be exclusively reserved for the competitions in special jumping. The jumping competition for the combination (18-kilometre langlauf and jump) will be held on the "Small Olympic Jump" which runs parallel to its big neighbour. The world-famous Holmenkoll Hill was taken as a model and the small jump is now a difficult one with high pressure on which jumps up to 50 metres can be made. These two jumps combined with the grand stands form a ski-ing stadium accommodating nearly 100,000 spectators, superior to anything else of the kind.

**LANGLAUF, ENDURANCE, RELAY AND ARMY PATROL RACES.**—The ski-ing Stadium on the Gudiberg will be the starting and finishing point of the langlauf, endurance relay and army patrol races. The courses on which these will be run can naturally only be announced shortly beforehand, for they depend on the state of the snow. But the ski-ing grounds round Garmisch-Partenkirchen are so excellent that fair and varied "loipen" can be found without difficulty.

**DOWNHILL AND SLALOM.**—The competitions will be held in the Kreuzeck district. A downhill course is available there, starting at the Kreuzjoch (5,640 feet) and finishing at the valley station of the Kreuzeck Railway (2,460 feet), with a difference of level of over 3,000 feet. This course, by no means easy, traverses in turn sparse forest, sloping meadows, steep hillocks and wide open stretches of level ground, so that the skiers will be compelled to display their utmost skill. The slalom races will be held on a slope above the old Hausberg Jump which has frequently stood the test in the past. Should particularly unfavourable snow conditions not permit of carrying out this competition satisfactorily in the valley, the slalom race can be transferred to the Hochalm (5,590 feet) where good snow conditions are always certain, while, on the other hand, there are a sufficient number of runs for the downhill available at high altitudes on the Alpspitze and Zugspitze ski-ing grounds. In such cases, both competitors and spectators can be conveyed to the heights by the Kreuzeck or the Zugspitze Railway.

### The Programme

Friday, February 7, 11 a.m.—Downhill for ladies and gentlemen.

Saturday, February 8, 10 a.m.—Slalom for ladies.

Sunday, February 9, 10 a.m.—Slalom for men.

Monday, February 10, 9 a.m.—10-kilometre relay race (four heats).

Wednesday, February 12, 10 a.m.—18-kilometre langlauf, special and combination.

Thursday, February 13, 11 a.m.—Combination jumping.

Friday, February 14, 8.30 a.m.—Army patrol race.

Saturday, February 15, 8 a.m.—50-kilometre endurance race.

Sunday, February 16, 11 a.m.—Special jumping.