

# Colorado skiers dominate biathlon

LAKE PLACID — John Ruger of Boulder, Colo., fired perfect scores from both the prone and standing positions Thursday to capture the second biathlon event in the United States team tryouts for the 1982 World Biathlon Championships.

Ruger skied today's 10-kilometer race in 35:02 to outdistance Don Nielsen, Fraser, Colo., by 10 seconds. Nielsen finished the course in 35:12, but had to ski three trips around the 150-meter penalty loop, one trip for a miss in the prone phase and two trips for misses in the standing position.

Nielsen continues to hold a five-minute lead over Ruger following two days of competition on the Olympic biathlon course at Mount Van Hoevenberg.

Martin Hagen, Jackson, Wyo., finished third Thursday with a time of 35:30. He fired a perfect score in the prone position and skied one penalty loop for a miss in the standing phase. Greg Cress, Anchorage, Alaska, skied four penalty loops for two misses from both the prone and standing positions to complete the course in 36:51 and a fourth-place finish.

Nat Lucy, North Conway, N.H., completes the top five finishers Thursday with a time of 37:25 and two trips around the penalty loop.

The top five finishers from the men's competition and the first four from the junior division will represent the U.S. in the World Biathlon Championships scheduled for Minsk, Russia, in February.

Craig Walker, Anchorage, Alaska, topped the junior division with a 39:32 and four penalty loops.

Raymond Dombrovsky, Saranac Lake, finished second with a time of 40:05 and four penalty loops. Finishing third was Glen Eberle, McCall, Idaho, with five penalty loops and a time of 40:31, just seven seconds ahead of Paul Swenson, Bozeman, Mont., who had four penalty loops and a finish time of 40:38.

Eberle holds a two-minute lead over Dombrovsky and a three-minute edge over Swenson. Brian Wadsworth, Redmond, Wash., the winner of the first race, finished seventh Thursday and is in fourth place for a position on the junior team.

The women are also competing at Mount Van Hoevenberg this week, although there are no spots for women on the world team. Pam Weiss, Jackson, Wyo., placed first Thursday with a total time of 44:13 and three penalty loops. Second was Patrice Jankowski, Cloquet, Minn., with a time of 36:39 and four four

penalty loops and third, Pam Nordheim, Bemidji, Minn., 46:50, four penalty loops.

Biathlon combines cross-country skiing with rifle shooting to provide an unusual test of speed and endurance on skis with precision rifle shooting.

A total of four races will be conducted during the week to determine the composition of the U.S. team. The senior competitors have completed one 20-kilometer race and one 10-kilometer race today and a 20-kilometer race on Sunday. The juniors have skied a 15-kilometer and a 10-kilometer race and are scheduled for a 10-kilometer on Friday and a 15-kilometer on Sunday to complete their competition.

# Softball tourney on ice this weekend

LAKE PLACID — The Pepsi Winter Festival Super Softball Tournament resumes championship round competition Saturday at the iced-diamond on Mirror Lake.

McCarthy's is scheduled to square off at noon against P. J. O'Neil's in the day's opening contest. Then at 1:30 p.m., Hi Peaks meets The Cottage in the second semifinal tilt.

The winning teams are scheduled to meet in the championship game at 3 p.m.

McCarthy's advanced to the semifinals with an 8-6 victory over the Lake Placid Businessmen while P.J. O'Neil's drubbed Harlow's Ex-

cavating, 34-16, in last week's opening elimination round.

Meanwhile, High Peaks Trading bounced Dr. Y's of Saranac Lake, 25-10 and The Cottage advanced with a 23-8 win against Gilligan's.

Saturday's Super Softball Tournament highlights Saturday's Winter Festival events. At 10 a.m. Saturday, golfers are expected to tee off in the Lake Placid Deep Freeze Open on the icy surface of Mirror Lake.

The festival's cross-country ski races, originally scheduled for noon Saturday, have been changed

to Sunday. In addition, the five-kilometer events for men and women, will be held at Cascade Ski Touring Center rather than on Mirror Lake.

Also at noon, the mile and one-half long Pepsi Snowshoe Race is scheduled on Mirror Lake.

Sunday's events culminate two straight weekends of activities scheduled as part of Lake Placid's first Winter Festival. The event is co-sponsored by Pepsi Bottling Company of Keeseville, the North Elba Park District and the Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce.

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