



American Olympic Ski Team, St. Moritz

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Godfrey Dewey

Born: 1887 Died: 1977

Godfrey Dewey's skisport experience won him the role of manager of the 1928 U.S. Winter Olympic Team that competed in St. Moritz, Switzerland.

Godfrey Dewey was born in New York City in 1887, and as a student bound for Harvard in 1904, brought to Lake Placid, some of the first skis ever seen in, what was considered web-snowshoe country. He graduated from Harvard in 1909, and became an author, business executive, and educator.

Achievements of Godfrey Dewey in the early promotion of skiing benefited the entire North State Adirondack area and all of North America in a more general way.

However, records of the Sno Birds of the Lake Placid Club, which Dewey had been affiliated for some 40 years, speak for themselves.

Dewey's ski sport experience won him the role of manager of the United States ski team for the Second Olympic Winter Games at St. Moritz, Switzerland, in 1928, and he carried the Stars and Stripes when the Yanks marched in.

Following the games, Dewey visited European winter resorts, studying problems of staging and bidding for the Third Olympic Winter Games and then secured the award to Lake Placid for 1932.

He became president of the Olympic Organizing Committee, responsible for location, design and construction of facilities, personally designing the Olympic ski jumping hill. Subsequently, he also designed ski jumping hills at Middlebury College and St. Lawrence University, three additional jumps near Lake Placid and was consulted on many others.

As an outstanding pioneer ski sport developer, Godfrey Dewey, for more than 65 years was a part of the sport-building effort in the Adirondack regions. This area has seen skiing's nordic and alpine phases become exceptional recreational and competitive pastimes.

Godfrey Dewey was elected to the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame in 1970.