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Men can feel like a giant bird in flight. That is, if he's a crack skier, good enough for the Olympic Jump at Garmisch. And that must be just about the biggest thrill in athletics. 70 of Europe's top performers competed in the season's first International. Each man had to make two leaps.

Helmut Recknagel, the German ace, had a lot of fans in the crowd of spectators.

The German won second place; his best jump, 254 feet.

Italy, Austria and Russia also had men in the first five places.

Koba Tzakadse, Russia.

Tzakadse was the overall winner. He made the longest jump of the meeting - 277 feet.