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Greetings!

Some time has gone by, so I would like to talk to you again. We can still do a lot of skiing, although it is already March 17th, but the snow is still above the knees. Various contests are being held. I earn a little extra with these contests, the umpires are paid either in cash or with food coupons. Most of the contests are held in Cesis, Sigulda, and Plavinas. There are skiing trains going to Araisi and Cesis. There were 800 persons on it. There will be another train to Ergli. I have not been there yet myself. I also am interested in other kinds of sport. In the ice skating contest, ^{BERZINS} Alfons^s was the chief umpire. The old Albarts, his teacher, also took part; he is now rather stiff on his legs, he walks with a cane, but Alfons went skating last Sunday, he placed first in the 500 meter skating contest, but he lost in the 3000 meter contest.

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The old ~~Brogins~~ is 83 years old, and in the contest where ^[BERZINS] Alfons^s took part the old man was the chief umpire. The best skater was Strods.

Our summers are too short and the swimmers have a hard time, now they are building a large swimming pool opposite the army stadium. When it is finished, I also plan to have my children trained there. My boy is still too young, but for the girl it is now too late to start. She has to study a lot and was ill several times, she had scarlet fever, diphtheria, etc. The boy is healthy. He could train in javelin

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throwing, the old Otto has been training javelin throwers for the last two years, he sends greetings to Janka. Otis had a 17-year old son, but he was drowned last fall in a swimming pool at night. He still has a 22 year old daughter.

I think the results are average. Our Lithuanian neighbors have made great efforts. Baltuskis yesterday threw a disc 53.82 meters. JAUNZEME [] Inese is not yet in good form and she was in fourth place with 46. Paksite placed first with 49.85. You already know about Pipina, she has had more choice, she has been to Paris and has not started at all here. In the total results the Lithuanians won with a difference of 20 points.

Greetings to all

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Petris Strods and Alfons Berzins at the Start

Yesterday two contests took place on the skating rink of the Park of Culture and Rest; one was for the prize of the park and the other a speed-skating contest for seniors. The contest flag was raised by the Latvian ex-champion Tatyana Drizina, the winner of the Republic youth group, Lasma Avotina, the European ex-champion, Alfons Berzins, and the Republic champion, Pauls Felsbergs.

Some of our best speed-skaters did not take part in the contest for the prize of the Park of Culture, including A. Klavina, A. Gulite, F. Leitis, and others. In the womens contest L. Avotina won in both distances, and in the mens contest P. Felsbergs was the winner.

The contest for senior skaters began. The women started with distances of 500 and 1,000 meters, the men with 500 and 1,500 meters. Suddenly there was a change in the program: the senior men had expressed the desire to start with a speed-skating contest of 3,000 meters. The best in the women's group was G. Minina, followed by T. Drizina, L. Vitola-Zaigzne, and E. Jaunzepe^m. There were more participants in the men's group and we saw some of the former international contest participants: A. Berzins, J. Grantins, P. Strods, S. Strods, as well as the Latvian champion in bicycling A. Jurjevs, and the 65 year old P. Petrovs from Leningrad, and others. The 500 meter speed-skating was opened by the two oldest contestants,

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N. Galakrodznieks and P. Petrovs. In the third pair the European ex-champion Alfons Berzins, who started together with E. Jaunzems, a member of the "Spartak" club, showed the best time for senior skaters, 51.4 seconds. Peteris Strods followed with only 1/10 of a second. A serious competitor for the two best seniors was A. Kovacenko, who was ^{first} in the 3,000 meter distance. P. Strods and A. Berzins again started together. They completed the first circles shoulder to shoulder, however, Strods had a surer and more regular stride. The skating contest was watched with great enthusiasm not only by a large audience, but also by the young speed-skaters of "Daugava" and "Spartaks." And it was natural for them to be enthusiastic. Only recently Alfons Berzins had trained the select team of "Daugava", but P. Strods is even now the trainer for the "Spartaks." In the end, however, Strods was ahead of Berzins and finished 6 seconds ahead of him.

In the meantime, the group of judges, which included many older generation sportsmen (the chief judge was the 83 year old J. Drugis, the starter was the bicyclist Wilsons, and the time keeper was the old champion for speed-skating Rumba), were computing the results in the senior's contest. That is not an easy matter, so that the judgment would be fair several points have to be added to the contestant's results depending on their age. In the total results the winner was A. Kovacenko, followed by P. Strods and A. Berzins.

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ekscempions A. Berzins un seniors sacempions Pauls Felsbergs. uzvarētājs sporta meistars P. Strods.

Kultūras parka balyas izcīnā neparedzījās vairāki no mūsu redzamākajiem ātrslidotājiem — A. Klavina, A. Gulite, F. Lettis u. c. Sievietēm abās distancēs uzvarēja L. Avotina, vīriešiem — P. Felsbergs.

Sākas vecmeistaru sacensības. Sievietes startē 500 un 1000 m distancēs, vīrieši — 500 un 1500 m. Te pēkšņi — programmas maiņa: seniori vīrieši izteikusi vēlēšanos startēt 3000 m slidojumā. No sievietēm spēcīgāka izrādās gados vecāka dalībniece G. Miņina, aiz viņas paliek T. Drizina, L. Vitola-Zvaigzne, un E. Jaunzeme. Vairāk dalībnieku ir vīriešu grupā, kur redzami gan kādreizējos starptautiskos sacensību dalībniekus A. Berzīnu, J. Grāntiņu, P. Strodu, S. Strodu, gan Latvijas meistaru ritenbraucējus A. Jūrlepu, gan 65 gadus veco ritenbraucēju P. Petrovu un citus. 500 m slidojumu atkārti ir vecākie dalībnieki — N. Galatrodznieks un P. Petrovs. Trešajā part Eiropas ekscempions Alfons Berzins, kas startē kopā ar spartakiem, E. Jaunzemi. Vārda dienas labāko jauno vecmeistaru — P. Felsbergu, tikai par vienu sekundi atpalikuši dalībniece. Sporta meistars Pēteris Strods, Rīstams, kopā ar šīs abiem spēcīgākajiem senioriem ir A. Kovacenko, kas arī

uzvar 3000 m distancē. P. Strods un A. Berzins atkal startē abi kopā. Pirmos aplis abi pretinieki iet plecu pie pleca, taču Stroda solis drošāks, vienmērīgāks. Slidojumam ar lielu aizrautību šeko ne vien daudzie skatītāji, bet arī «Daugavas» un «Spartaka» jaunie ātrslidotāji. Un kā gan nepamudināt savus audzinātājus — vēl neaiz Alfreds Berzins gatavoja «Daugavas» izlasē bet Pēteris Strods arī tagad ir spartakišu treneris! Berzins, foršs Strods atraujas no Berzina un finišā sešas sekundes pirms par to.

Tikmēr tiesnešu koleģija, kuras sastāvā arī ir daudz vecākas paaudzes sportistu (raivenais tiesnesis — 83 gadus vecais J. Druģis, kā starteris strādā ritenbraucējs Vilsons, jauno tiesnesis — ātrslidošanas vecmeistars Rumba), slēdzis ātrslidošanas sacensību uzvarētājus. Tas nemaz nav tik liels uzvarētājs, lai vērtelums būtu tālrunis, dalībnieku rezultātiem. Tāpat arī vairāki pēkšņi izrādās no vecuma kopvērtelums uzvarētājs A. Kovacenko, šeko P. Strods un A. Berzins.