

Pfeifer Named Coach Of Women's Ski Team

Friedl Pfeifer, Aspen ski mentor and internationally acclaimed champion, Tuesday assumed the role of coach of the U. S. women's team entered in the 1950 world ski championship at Aspen on Feb. 13 to 19.

Denver's Barney McLean, ex-Olympic star and one of the top U. S. downhill slat riders, earlier relinquished a berth on the U. S. world championship team to which

he had been named to take over coaching duties for the men's team.

Chosen to race in this tournament of tournaments against women skiers invited from thirty-one countries, are five former U. S. Olympic team members—Paula Kann, North Conway, N. H.; Dodie Post, Reno, Nev.; Andrea Mead, Pico Peak, Vt.; Brynhild Grasmoen, Merced, Calif., and Rhona Gillis, Whitefish, Mont. Other squad spots are being filled by Katy Rodolph, Hayden, Colo.; Ann Dodge, Pinkham Notch, N. H.; Suzy Harris, Salt Lake City; Jannette Burr, Seattle, and Mary Berg, Pullman, Wash.

On McLean's team will be former fellow Olympic stars Steve Knowlton, Aspen; Dick Movitz and Jack Reddish, Salt Lake City, and George Macomber, Boston.

American prospects were made brighter with the appearance of a new group of young skiers on the men's team, including Colorado's Jim Griffith, Gale Spence and Pete Seibert. Other team spots were voted to Toni Matt, living legend of skiing for his feat of schussing the headwall of Tuckerman's ravine in New Hampshire, Dave Lawrence, Dean Perkins, Brooks Dodge and Leon Goodman.

Unlike the simon-pure Olympic games, the world championships are open to amateur skiers as well as professionals in ski instruction. The 1950 meet will be the first held since 1938 and the first ever in the United States.

In addition to Aspen's downhill and slalom events, the preceding week will be given over to cross-country and jumping. Site of these events is Lake Placid, N. Y. The only world championship events open to women are Aspen's giant slalom, regular slalom and downhill races. Post 9/20/49