

# Sledders ready for games

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NEW YORK — Luge and bobsled are as alien to America as the 3-6-3 double play is to Eastern Europe.

For those unfamiliar, though, the difference is simple: in luge, the risk is flying off an icy course at 70 miles an hour. In the bob, it's flying off course at 70 mph and having a 500-pound sled land on you.

Despite the danger, both sports intrigue the American audience — until the Winter Olympics end. Then they fade into obscurity for four years, helping to explain the USA's lack of success in these events.

United States lugers have never finished higher than 11th in the Olympics, and the bobsledders have not won a medal since a bronze in the four-man event at Cortina, Italy, in 1956.

East German and Swiss expertise — plus a Soviet sled with tail fins — should ensure that Americans must be satisfied with im-

provement, not medals, in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, in February.

In the two-man bob, driver Brent Rushlaw of Saranac Lake, N.Y., and brakeman Jim Tyler of Denver form the USA I. Rushlaw took sixth at Lake Placid in 1980. USA II consists of driver Fred Fritsch and brakeman Wayne DeAtley, both of Virginia Beach, Va., and the U.S. navy.

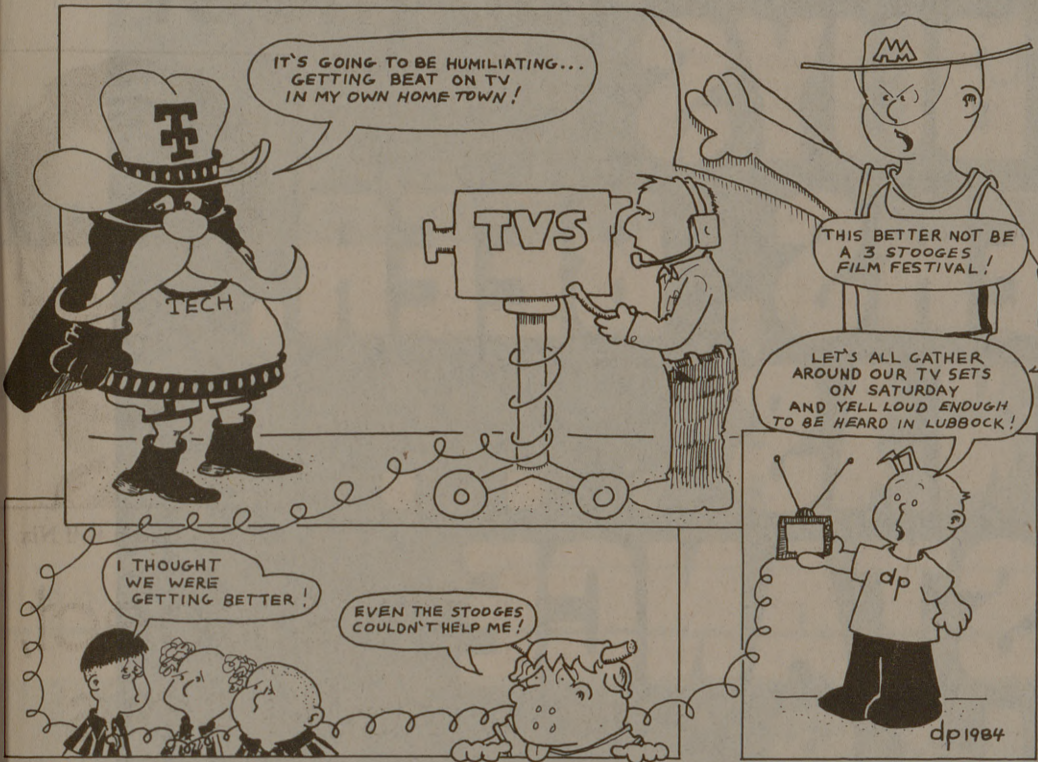
Jeff Jost of Burke, N.Y., will pilot the No. 1 four-man sled

with Tom Barnes of Dover, Del.; Joe Briski of San Diego, and Hal Hoyer of Malone, N.Y., as the first of the three available spots on the women's team and Rushlaw drives the No. 2 sled with Ed Card of Claverack, N.Y.; Pat Murphy of Painesville, Ohio, and Frank Hansen of Albany.

"My goal is for a medal at Sarajevo," said Jost. "I have the run year-old Warner, who noticed completely photographed and memorized in my mind."

As for the luge, Bonny Warner, a Stanford University student from Mt. Baldy, Calif., won the first of the three available spots on the women's team and Toni Damigella and Teresa Riedl, both of Lake Placid, joined her.

"I've wanted this ever since I started the luge," said the 20-year-old Warner, who noticed the event in the 1980 Olympics. Two men's doubles squads will go to Sarajevo.



# Georgia Tech no Rambling Wreck

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The fast tracks for Georgia Tech basketball have been few and far between, but Bobby Cremins appears to now have the Rambling Wreck in high gear.

The last winning season was 1978-79, when Tech cagers were 17-9. But that also was the season Tech basketball was in limbo because the school had just switched from the Metro Conference to the Atlantic Coast Conference — and wasn't eligible to compete in either.

The first two years Tech played in the basketball-tough ACC, its league record was 1-13 and 0-14. The last two were a little better, 3-11 and 4-10, but one would hardly have considered Georgia Tech a threat to the ACC basketball hierarchy.

Even Cremins, now in his third season as Tech's basketball coach, will tell you his team has a way to go to compete against the likes of North Carolina and Maryland.

But he's bringing the Rambling Wreck up fast.

Starting two juniors, two sophomores and a freshman, Georgia Tech won 13 of its first 15 games this season, losing by 2 points to 18th-ranked Georgia on a neutral court and only at Clemson in its first four ACC outings.

One of those sophomores is 6-foot guard Mark Price who led the ACC in scoring as a freshman last season with a 20.3 average and got to play in the Pan American games. The freshman is 6-foot-4 New Yorker Bruce Dalmryple, who played his high school basketball in Vermont and

who was Tech's No. 2 scorer (14.5 to Price's 16.3) and No. 2 rebounder (7.6) through those first 15 games.

Despite the 3-1 start in ACC action, Cremins has no illusions about continuing that pace without the conference, not with home-and-away games still ahead with top-ranked North Carolina and 5th-ranked Maryland.

"Things are going to get tougher for us," said Cremins, noting that after hosting Clemson in a return match Thursday, Tech visits North Carolina on Saturday.

"The biggest thing about the Clemson game is that they gave us a real whipping (79-69) up there," said Cremins. "And playing North Carolina in Chapel Hill will be a huge obstacle for

our kids. Obviously we will have to play a great game or we will be in trouble.

"We're a young team that will have to play like a senior team," said Cremins, "but we're going to give it everything we've got."

The prematurely gray Cremins, a 36-year-old native of the Bronx who played his college basketball at South Carolina is convinced his young team can only get better.

Tech has lost only one of its last 21 home games and in recent weeks edged Wake Forest and Virginia (in triple overtime).

"We don't deserve to be in the top 20, not just yet," said Cremins. "We have a fine group of kids here. I really like them. But nationally ranked? I've got to be honest. We're not ready for that yet."

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