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This year we had snow for a few days; we could make some cross-country-skiing in the Netherlands and for the first time we used our machine to make tracks. But it was too little and too short to held races. Also we could make a few days ice-skating on several lakes.

The Dutch Championchips took place in St Ulrich am Pillersee in Austria in the last week of January with races of 7,5 and 10 km classic and free style and a 25 km skating. The long distance classic was held during the Rennsteig in Oberhof (Germany). Many women and masters men participated in these races. There were 4 master age categories.

At the end of November there was (as every year) a training week in Livigno (Italy). Most of the participants of this week (as on the Dutch Championchips) are master cross-country skiers.

Dutch masters participated also in cross country marathons: Vasaloppet, Tour de Ramsau, Dolomitenlauf, Tannheimer lauf, Ganghoferlauf. Dutch cross country skiers are training on rollerski the whole year; they also went a few times for a snow training tot the Snowhall in Oberhof in Germany.

Dutch masters participated in roller ski competitions like in November a classic competition of 11, 14 and 18 km.

Also there were organized a few rollerski tour of about 20, 30 and 50 km.

We had only one Dutch master skier participating at the World Cup in Minneapolis. First we had 4 who would participate; but finally there remained only 1 women who particpated.

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