

Ski Wear

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Soft, shiny shockingly colorful fabrics make skiing a smashing sport this season. Bright green, purple, orange and yellow join a traditional list to color the skier from head to foot.

Even ski boots, once only available in black, now come in a variety of bright colors.

Ski boots have shied away from the foam liner that came to be as dependable as Nebraska weather. The firm Nordica now offers a putty ski boot in a synthetic foam material that molds itself to the foot.

New in total ski outfit is a bib overall look, again in bright colors. Both one and two-piece suits are hot-selling items.

Ski pants have gone from inside the boot to outside because of the tighter fitting boot. Pants also have a tapered leg instead of the old baggy look.

The softness in fabrics can be felt in the downfilled outfits, especially the jackets. New is the look of foam padding around shoulders and elbows. This especially is for the hot-dogger stunt skier.

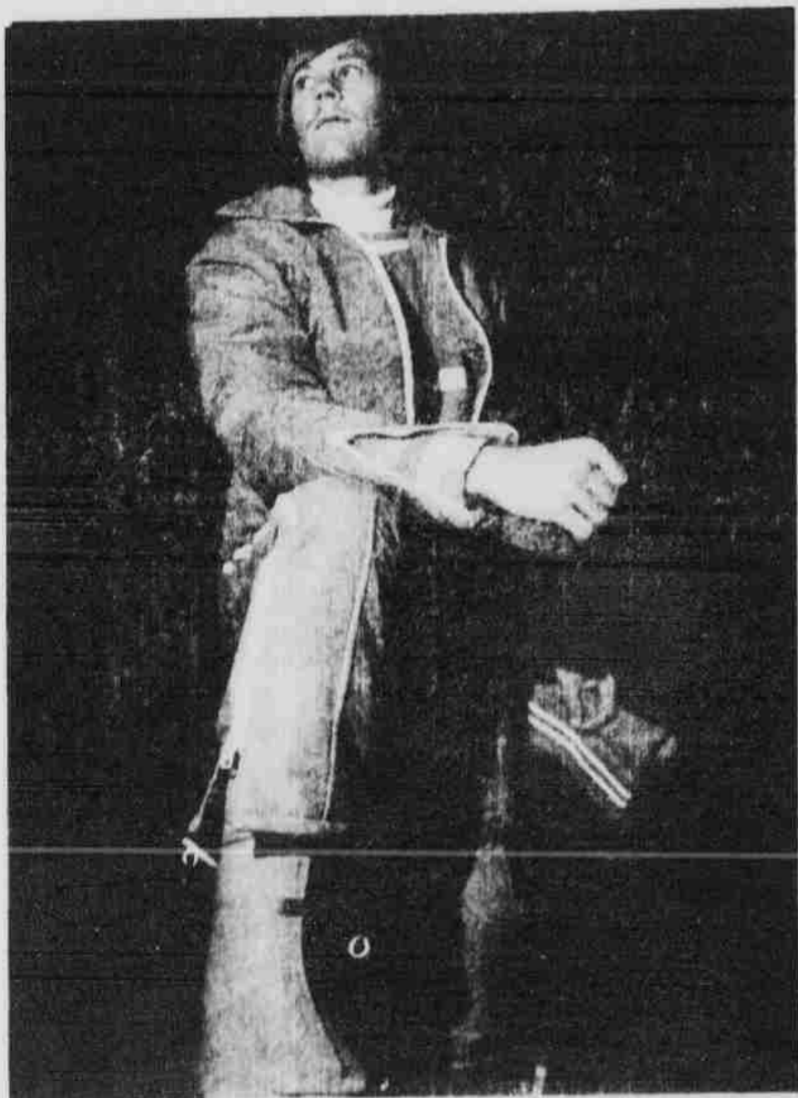
The trend in jackets is toward the short baseball jacket look. Making these jackets soft and adding a cool shine to them are fabrics like anti-glisse, a texturized nylon, and nylon cotton, antron and nylon and 100 per cent polyester.

Wool still is a popular fabric for sweaters. More colors and patterned fabrics also are shown in knit skiwear. Women's sweaters have a haltered look, making them loose on the top and close-fitting around the midriff.

Covering the head is everything from wool and fur to popular knits. The big-cuffed knit cap is big with women, while the newsboy, poor-boy styles in bright colors, tweeds and plaids seem to go well with the short jacket trend.

Gloves are changing because of a leather shortage. Coming out in bright colors, the styles combine leather palms with backs of vinyl, denim and other fabrics to cut costs.

While the outdoors fashion is colorful, indoors the skier keeps warmer still with an old standby—long underwear. This year it's two-ply with wool on the outside and cotton on the inside for a less scratchy and obviously more comfortable fit.



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