

JAROSLAV DROBNY, the star who knows all the heartbreaks of Wimbledon's Centre Court,

reports on yesterday's final. Drobny so nearly played in that final battle himself.*

SEIXAS (ALL OVER IN 90 MINUTES) SLAMS NIELSEN

By JAROSLAV DROBNY

SALUTATIONS to Victor Seixas, the new Wimbledon champion. Yesterday he beat the Great Dane, Kurt Nielsen, 9-7, 6-3, 6-4, on that Centre Court of heartbreaks I know so well.

I salute Seixas because he is the better all-round player—and proved it. Nielsen showed he is not quite fully equipped yet to be Wimbledon champion, but

The thing I wanted most: **SAYS VIC**

By FRANK ROSTRON

VICTOR SEIXAS, of Philadelphia, who will be 30 next month and had not won a major national championship, achieved the ambition of 25 years yesterday when he outplayed Kurt Nielsen, of Copenhagen.

Seixas is the first player of Portuguese descent to win the Wimbledon title.

"But I guess the Portuguese is very far back and survives only in the name," handsome Victor told me beamingly as he and his pretty wife, Dolly Ann, had strawberries and cream afterwards.

Said Seixas: "I started belting a ball around with a racket as a toddler of five when the other kids were playing cops and robbers. And now I've won the thing I wanted most."

All-court game

All the match-playing skill of this young looking veteran and the experience of hundreds of thousands of miles of tennis travel went into his speedy, all-court game.

Brimful of confidence, he swamped an uncertain, slow, and cautious Dane, who played care-riden strokes quite foreign to his nature.

Nielsen told me: "I was not the least bit nervous. Yet I must confess there was some sort of muscle tension which spoiled my shots, especially after the first set. The loss of the first set affected me and finished any chance I had."

Wimbledon results

SEEDED PLAYERS IN BLACK CAPITALS

MEN'S SINGLES—Final

V SEIXAS (U.S.) bt K Nielsen (Denmark) 9-7, 6-3, 6-4

WOMEN'S DOUBLES—Semi-final

D HART, S FRY bt E Fletcher, Mrs Rinkel 6-0, 6-0; M GONNOLLY, J SAMPSON bt A Mortimer, A Shilcock 6-2, 6-3.

MIXED DOUBLES—Semi-final

V SEIXAS, MISS HART bt L Hoad, Miss Sampson 6-3, 7-5; E MOREA, S FRY bt G Worthington, Miss Ward 6-2, 6-2.

Finals Day

(Starting at 2 o'clock)

CENTRE COURT.—Women's Singles: D Hart (U.S.) v M Connolly (U.S.) (holder). Men's Doubles: L Hoad, K Rosewall v R Harwig, M Rose. Women's Doubles: D Hart, S Fry v M Connolly, J Sampson. Mixed Doubles: E Morea, Miss Fry v V Seixas, Miss Hart.

his time will come.

Lucky Seixas I kept thinking, because like my faithful followers I felt this should have been my year.

I was sure I had the beating of both of them if I had kept sound physically, because I've never had better control of the ball.

NERVE STRAIN

Although I was critical of the standard of play yesterday, particularly Nielsen's because he did not serve or volley anything like as well as he can, I wanted to shout to superior people around me and say:

"You try a final and see what the nerve strain does to your strokes. You shouldn't expect good play anyway at the end of this exhausting championship."

Seixas was terribly strung up when I saw him in the dressing-room before the match, though he tried to disguise it by asking me politely about my injured leg. Nielsen was also full of tension, though he pretended not.

As the match went on I hoped for Seixas to win because I thought he was the worthier all-round player.

I also felt keenly for Seixas because he was in the position I have been in—right on the brink of something he has battled for years to get.

Nielsen, who won't be 23 till November, has many years to perfect a few flaws in his game.

But although Seixas was completely outplaying Nielsen before the finish, and the record books will show convincing figures to indicate an easy straight set win in only an hour and a half, it might have been very different.

VITAL SET

When Nielsen retrieved the previous service break to climb back to four-all in the first set and then went game for game up to seven-all I felt Seixas would lose the match if he lost that first set.

Nielsen would have relaxed, as he admitted himself afterwards, to a more confident game. Seixas would have been in trouble despite his great fighting qualities. But Nielsen fatally lost his serve again.

His trouble was that he hurried too much. It's easy to sit in the stands. But I felt that if I could have gone down there like a boxing second I could have saved him by saying: "Now steady, Kurt! Take it easy."

But no. Young Kurt got flustered. He slammed fatal double faults just when he needed aces.

Nielsen has only played on that terrifying Centre Court twice before in singles and he meekly let himself be hurried.

* Drobny beat Budge Patty after a 93-game 41-hour tussle in the third round. The price he paid was the leg injury which finally put him out . . . to Nielsen in the semi-final.

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