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To Wimbledon they come - the fans for another fortnight of lawn tennis - known to all as "The Championships" - premier and supreme...

The fashions - to greet a shy summer / ~~Gloria Butler sporting a pirate motif~~

And the players - some returning to the scene of former triumphs - others seeking the crowning success.

Past champions - America's Vic Seixas accompanied by his wife.

~~Jaroslav~~

~~Sentimental~~ Favourites like Jaroslav Drobny - twice beaten finalist. And, of course, Fred Perry - a proud reminder of past British supremacy / S

~~Famous names all - yet Wimbledon remains - a far greater name than all her many champions.~~

~~To Drobny last year's runner-up, falls~~ the privilege of opening the Tournament (against Destremau of France) ~~FALLS TO LAST YEAR'S RUNNER-UP - DROBNY~~

And so the fortnight begins - with a promise of fair weather, and only the tennis to give you a pain in the neck. / S

Drobny, (the left-hander) serving - already two sets up

Match Point.- ~~and~~ Drobny wins in straight sets ^{love} 6-0, 6-1, 6-2.

Can Drobny win his first Championship? Well, there could be no more popular champion.

The second day brings America's Maureen Connolly (on the left) back to the Centre Court - with Miss Dora Kilian of South Africa as her first-round opponent.

Last year "Little Mo" made her Wimbledon debut. Now - she returns as proud holder of every major tennis title.

The Final Rally. Maureen nearest the camera.

And victory for the 18 year-old champion, six-love, six-love.