

For the first time since the war - a Wimbledon title was destined to stay at home when Angela Mortimer, (the French singles champion) and Anne Shilcock, met Pat Ward and Shirley Bloomer - in the first All-British Women's Doubles Final since 1929.

At the far end, Shirley Bloomer (making her first Centre Court appearance) partners Pat Ward - our best doubles player.

~~the first set~~ Bloomer and Ward (again at the far end) They lost ~~the first set~~

a hard-fought first set, 7-5.

Here's Angela Mortimer (who disappointed us in the singles) in play with Anne Shilcock - who is also a Lacrosse international. Match Point. Mortimer and Shilcock nearer the camera.

And it's game, set and match - with sporting congratulations, for Angela Mortimer and Anne Shilcock - the first British ~~tennis~~ <sup>Doubles</sup> champions, since Kay Stammers and Freda James won the title, in 1936...

Then, to crown this day of triumph, the Duchess of Kent presents the trophy to the girls who have signposted Britain's road back to World Class tennis.

WELL DONE — ANGELA MORTIMER

AND ANNE SHILCOCK

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Wimbledon finals

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Wimbledon: The Centre Court is packed to capacity, with Royal enthusiasts, Princess Margaret and the Duchess of Kent gracing the match of the Tournament - the Men's Singles Final.

On court come the finalists - Tony Trabert, <sup>America's</sup> the top seed, who has yet to lose a set - and the dark horse - Kurt Nielsen of Denmark - appearing in his second final as an unseeded player - a Wimbledon record.

The great match is on - with Trabert at the far end.

~~NIELSEN SERVES~~ - Nielsen's serve - at the far end. A duel of service and volley specialists; but Trabert wins the first set 6-3.

Trabert in action. He pegged Nielsen back from a four-two lead in the second set.

Another fine rally - at Match Point - ~~TRABERT SERVES~~

~~And~~ Trabert, the former American sailor, is the new Wimbledon champion...

A great achievement by ~~the American boy~~ <sup>TRABERT</sup> - who won 6-3, 7-5, 6-1 - and so wins the title without dropping a set... the hall-mark of a real champion.

The crowning moment of a Wimbledon final - as the Duchess of Kent comes on court to congratulate the players.

~~And to Tony Trabert goes the coveted trophy - the Wimbledon Cup - from his beaten opponent - a fitting end to the two final defeats.~~

Once again, the Men's crown goes overseas; but to Britain came consolation - our first Women's Doubles triumph since 1936.

SO TO TONY TRABERT GOES THE COUETED TROPHY - AND APPLAUSE FROM HIS BEATEN OPPONENT, HIDING THE DISAPPOINTMENT OF TWO FINAL DEFEATS.