

Glorious summer sunshine made a scene of enchantment for Henley Royal Regatta --- the Thames River sporting festival that for more than a century has drawn the cool, reclining female to look at the efforts of the perspiring male.

The Diamond Sculls gave them a final between S3 MacKenzie of Australia and V. Ivanov from Russia --- and a victory for the Australian by four feet.

~~Ivanov conceded himself for defeat on the Thames by putting 40 Thames on 40 feet.~~

The very best people who watch the racing at Henley do so from the grounds of the exclusive Phyllis Court Club. ~~where they~~ ~~are supposed to be in a gallery.~~ And now --- let's take a look at the final of the Grand Challenge Cup. For such a fine old English institution as Henley it's a little embarrassing to have to record that the Grand Final was between two universities from U.S.A. --- Cornell and Yale. Cornell were the winners. After a victory in the Thames Cup --- the American University of Princeton celebrated in the approved manner.

And now --- over to Wimbledon.

To the Centre Court for the Men's Singles Final came Lew Hoad, the reigning Wimbledon champion --- on the left --- and his fellow-Australian Ashley Cooper, who is this year's Australian champion.

Here it's Cooper serving --- nearer the camera.

But in this final Hoad proved himself one of the greatest of all Wimbledon champions --- quick as lightning and precise as a machine.

Here it's match point to Hoad.

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And Lew Hoad has successfully defended his title with a smashing victory 6 - 2, 6 - 1, 6 - 2. /S

So Prince Philip presented the Challenge Trophy to one of the most brilliant exponents of power-tennis ever seen. Good as he is, poor Ashley Cooper had been overwhelmed in the shortest final for a quarter of a century.

On Wimbledon's last day, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth arrived to watch --- and was greeted by the Duchess of Kent, the President of the All-England Lawn Tennis Club. The Ladies' Final was all-American --- between Miss Althea Gibson and Miss Darlene Hard. And here's the opening rally --- with Miss Gibson at the far end.

Miss Hard seemed nervous and never ~~reached~~ reached her best form. She lost the first set 6 - 3, in twenty minutes.

Here's Miss Gibson in action --- and though she, too, played below her best, she played as well as she needed to.

Miss Gibson at the far end --- and it's match point.

Victory for Miss Althea Gibson, 6 - 3, 6 - 2.

~~At~~ ~~So~~ The Queen presented the Ladies' Singles Championship Trophy to Miss Althea Gibson --- another brilliant champion, who clinched her win with a later victory in the doubles. Her partner in the doubles was her victim of the singles --- Darlene Hard. ~~When the Queen presented the award for the trophy.~~ So ended Wimbledon 1957 --- with scorching sunshine and champions of the very first class.