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PRELUDE TENNIS TO WIMBLEDON

Curtain raiser to Wimbledon is played off in Paris between America's tennis ace Frank Parker and left hander Jaroslav Drobny from Prague. The bespectacled Czech - despite his powerful strokes - is no match for the artistry displayed by the Californian. 32-years-old, Parker has had to wait for the departure of stars like Jack Kramer before he himself could become a name. On present form, he can beat everybody - professionals included.

Although he lacks Kramer's deadly service, the American seems set to gain a title last held by a Briton 13 years ago. A safe bet for the Wimbledon championship, Parker is unlikely to meet much opposition.

Fourth set - match point. Drobny extends the American more than anybody. But a netting of one of his returns gives the French tennis championship to the player of the year - Frank Parker.

The most excited people are the spectators. The coolest man is the new champion.