

WIMBLEDON OPEN TENNIS

The gates open and tennis fans know summer is really here ... There's the Centre Court, and here the lush programmes you'll thumb in retrospect through the winter. A load of gleaming rackets passes ... and there's von Cramm arriving in good time. Now comes Nancy Chaffee who beat Mrs. Dupont at Queen's Club ... A glance at the tea-gardens; a moment to admire Mrs. Melachrine's large hat, and so to the order-of-play board. As reigning champion, it's Budge Patty's honour to open play on the Centre Court. That's him receiving from Laurie of South Africa.

Patty won rather easily, so let's have a look round. Fifteen courts are in action starring the cream of the tennis world ... Bayre comes from the Philippines; from America comes Nancy Chaffee, as also does the first coloured girl to play at Wimbledon, Miss Gibson. From Australia we greet Frank Sedgman; and here are our own Joy Cannon and husband Tony Mottram. Meantime, there's another big game on the Centre Court, where Gottfried von Cramm of Germany (in long flannels) plays Drobny, who escaped from the Iron Curtain and now plays for Egypt.

Drobny wins despite a gallant fight by von Cramm. Runner-up three years running, von Cramm was making his first appearance at Wimbledon for fourteen years and found Drobny at peak form.