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WIMBLEDON OPENS.

The first day of Wimbledon Fortnight is always men's day; here's No. 6, seed, Vic Seixas of America, with his wife, outside the Centre Court. But from the fashion point of view, it's definitely ladies' day, with the usual emphasis on handbags. Owner of this one is Mrs. Fred Perry. Not everyone is thinking about fashions - Lew Hoad the Australian wizard, has tough battles ahead to retain his singles and doubles titles. Mrs. Hoad will be playing too, later on.

Britain's Roger Becker starts off well against South Africa's Gordon Forbes, beating him soundly in three straight sets. Twenty-three-year-old Roger is one of the top four.

Popular ex-champion Jaroslav Drobny beats Stockenberg of Sweden. A happy spectator is iron-lung patient Margaret Dixon, in a place of honour, watching Lew Hoad's first match in defence of his title against Pierre Darmon of France.

Darmon serving. It's nerve-wracking to meet the champ on the first day; the Frenchman battles gamely but in vain.

Hoad serves for match point - and very soon it's all over. A good start, Lew - but there's a long way to go yet!

