

WIMBLEDON:
WOMEN'S SINGLES FINAL:

But the women's final between America's Althea Gibson and Britain's Angela Mortimer has the crowd tense - for unseeded Angela is Britain's hope of a first women's victory since 1937. And against the titleholder's powerful tennis she does better than most people dared to hope. No one in the Centre Court, for example, expected this outcome to the American girl's first service game.

Angela's one up - an encouraging start.

Angela knows the American is deadly at the net- so she concentrates on forcing her to play well back.

Althea just saves the first set at 8-6 - but her serving skill and greater stamina begin to tell in the second.

Game by game the American adds to her dominance, till she reaches match point over a plucky but weakening Angela. But the British girl fights to the last.

That's it - and the nearest Britain has been to the women's title for a long time. And it was an unseeded girl who got so close to victory. Still, it's all honour to the girl from Harlem (the first of her race to win the Wimbledon rose bowl) on taking it home for the second time. She certainly had to fight for it.

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And now, Wimbledon, with Neale Fraser and Ashley Cooper competing for the men's singles title - Fraser serving. It's an All-Australian final for the third year running. Left-handed Fraser, No. 4. Seed, battles hard, and takes full advantage of the fact that Cooper's service is less deadly than usual - but Cooper, No. 1 seed and last year's runner-up, is a tough man to wear down.

Fraser loses the first two sets 6-4, but his tremendous effort in the third produces one of the longest sets of the championship. Time and again Cooper staves off the attack - and the score goes to 19-17 before Fraser finally wins the set.

But in the fourth, Cooper pulls ahead. Here comes match point.

So Ashley Cooper follows Lew Hoad's example and justifies the selectors' grading: for the third year in succession the No. 1 seed has battled his way through to the title. The Duchess of Kent hands over the precious cup. What a day for Australia - Diamond Sculls, Open Golf, and the Wimbledon men's crown!

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HENLEY REGATTA:

It's a wet day for the wet bobs at Henley Royal Regatta - the rain holds off for part of the time, but umbrellas are always at the ready. Here's the final of the Grand Challenge Cup - Australia's Leichhardt Club (nearer the camera) against the Trud Club of Leningrad - part of the strong Russian contingent that's becoming a Henley tradition. Last year the Russians didn't reach the final of the Grand - but this year they bring off a $2\frac{1}{2}$ -length win.

The Diamond Sculls produce another Australian-Russian final, between Stewart Mackenzie of Sydney on the far side, and Vyacheslav Ivanov, the Red Army's olympic Gold Medallist. They're neck and neck, in record time during the first half, but then Ivanov cracks up - and Mackenzie streaks ahead. There's a good 20 lengths between them as the Australian rows comfortably past the post. It's a repeat of last year, but then Mackenzie only won by four feet. Mackenzie seems to have a jinx on the Russian - Ivanov beat him at the Olympiad, and has never done it since!

LYTHAM ST. ANNE'S
OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

To Lytham and St. Anne's, where that wonder Welshman Dave Thomas - seen here with his wife - nearly pulls off a surprise triumph in the Open Golf against Australia's Peter Thomson, winner for three of the last four years. The Australian Ace of Clubs is 28, five years older than the British boy who didn't even rate a one-line biography in the golfer's Who's Who; but the young unknown astounds the golfing world on finals day by drawing with the Australian and forcing a play-off.

And Peter Thomson has to battle every stroke of the play-off to hold his own. At the 25th hole, they are still even. Dave Thomas drives brilliantly - but from the 26th onwards, the Australian edges ahead. By the 36th, Thomson is four strokes up - but Thomas is still fighting to the last minute. Here's the Australian on the Final Green.

And the gallant Welshman is still four strokes down at the end. But it was a mighty near thing - and Peter Thomson's verdict is that Dave is the finest young player in the world. And Peter should know!