

Final Days at Henley and Wimbledon

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Henley: A lovely riverside setting bathed in a summer smile - for the opening of the Royal Regatta - the "Ascot" of the rowing world..

And Finals Day brings the thrilling climax to the greatest overseas challenge yet seen. In the Stewards Cup, the R.A.F. are Britain's hope against Russia's ^{KREELA SOVIETOV} Krylia Sovetov four - on the far side.

The R.A.F. took an early lead; but the supremely-fit Russians gradually wore down their opponents - to win by 1½ lengths.

In the "Diamonds," entries from five European countries proved too strong for home scullers, and Peter Vlasic of Yugoslavia ^{ITCH} and A. Colomb of Switzerland ^(ON THE FAR SIDE) fought out the final - rowed in heavy rain.

And as Henley sought shelter, the "mecca" of oarsmen became more than ever a setting for "wet-bobs"

Meanwhile, a great race was being won by Vlasic - already the Champion of Europe - ^{ITCH}

Another prize had gone overseas, and with it, the Grand Challenge Cup, one of three Russian successes. But the rain stayed at Henley - so the "Old Blues" in a dismal mood, called it enough, and paddled their way home.

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But at Wimbledon - the heat is on - a final battle of champions between Maureen Connolly, the holder, and Louise Brough.

"Little Mo" ^(AT FAR END) is trying to win her third successive title - a post-war honour held only by her rival, Louise Brough.

Match-point. Miss Connolly serving - after a great second set battle. And victory for the champion over a gallant veteran. 6-2, 7-5..

From the Duchess of Kent, "Little Mo" receives the coveted trophy. A third Final triumph at only 19.

The Men's Singles - with everyone's favourite, Jaroslav Drobny, the self-exiled Czech, at the far end, against Ken Rosewall of Australia.

For Drobny - this is his third Final. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
A wily veteran, can he win the title?

In contrast, his opponent, Ken Rosewall (serving, nearest the camera) can be, at 19 - the youngest-ever winner of the Crown.

Drobny serving. He won the marathon first-set 13-11.

And young Rosewall proves himself a courageous fighter as he squares the match.

Drobny again - still holding his service - a deciding fastort.

The Final set - Drobny leading two sets to one - after eleven years - this may be his final hour.

Match point. Drobny serving.

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Game, set and the championship for Jaroslav Drobny after a brilliant 2½ hour battle. The score 13-11, 4-6, 6-2, 9-7...

So after sixteen years of disappointment - Jaroslav Drobny ~~XXXXXXXX~~ wins the greatest prize of the Lawn Tennis World.. And ~~in~~ this great sportsman (who is married to an English tennis player) wins a worthy place in Wimbledon's Hall of fame. Well Done!