

RUSSIAN CHALLENGE TO SPORT.

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The visit of the Moscow Spartak Club to Highbury was an early indication of the calibre of Russian football. The Dynamos in Moscow increased the Russian reputation. And now Henley Regatta --- long regarded as an almost exclusively English affair --- is reeling under the impact of the Soviet invasion of the sporting arena. What the Russian crews are eating in their battle headquarters has become headline news.

The first big ~~triumph~~ Russian triumph in the 1958 Henley was the defeat by the Trud Club from Leningrad of Washington University's crack crew in the Grand.)

Russia's Berkutov and Tkalov beat Baker and Spracklen of Marlow in the Double Sculls.

The Russians suffered a temporary reverse when Ivanov, ~~for the second year running~~, was defeated by Mackenzie of Australia in the Diamond Sculls.

But once again the Red Star was in the ascendant when Trud of Russia met Leichhardt of Australia in the Final of the Grand Challenge Cup. Trud won --- by two and a half lengths.

~~the~~ 1958 saw the first signs of a Russian challenge at Wimbledon: but they confined themselves to the Junior Championships. So for the Men's Finals it was expected that Ashley Cooper would defeat his fellow-Australian Neale Fraser --- as he had done in ~~many~~ most of their previous meetings.

Here's Cooper serving at match point. (2) And it's the expected Cooper victory --- 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 13-11.

After receiving the Cup from the Duchess of Kent, this serious young champion allowed himself a brief moment of gaiety.

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Now ---Althea Gibson and Angela Mortimer. And, nearer the camera, is the reigning champion Althea Gibson defending her title against the unseeded British girl.

Angela Mortimer actually got to set point before losing the first set, but after that the champion's crown was never in danger.

Now it's the British girl nearer the camera, but it's match point for the champion.

And --- for the second year running, --- the Wimbledon Ladies Champion was Althea Gibson. But as we watch her proudly receiving the trophy from the Duchess of Kent, we remember ~~the~~ <sup>How</sup> ~~THE RUSSIAN MARCH OF THE RUSSIAN CHALLENGERS~~ <sup>THE RUSSIANS ARE CHALLENGING</sup> in ~~most~~ almost all branches of sport, from aquatics to athletics.

Not forgetting <sup>Nina</sup> the lady of the hats. They've all but swept the board at Henley. Horseracing in Moscow is a potential threat to the Epsom Derby. We can hardly wait for the day when they want a Test Match.