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SPORTS NEWS:

The sun shines on Wimbledon for the opening of the greatest event of the tennis year. America's Vic Seixas, with his wife, is early on the scene, for this is men's singles day; but the ladies come to watch. Here's Gloria Butler, another American player. Once again, there's a strong detachment from Australia - including Ken Rosewall, seeded Number Two.

Mrs. Fred Perry reminds us that handbags are to Wimbledon what hats are to Ascot. And there's Lew Hoad, seeded Number One, with his wife, who's also in the Australian team. Denmark's Kurt Nielsen, Number Seven seed.

The Bading sisters will be playing for Germany - but not today, when there are 64 men's games to settle. And the surprise of the day, is the defeat of the popular veteran Jaroslav Drobny, seeded Number Five, by the young Indian Krishnan, in four sets.

At Bergen, Gordon Pirie it out with Russia's greatest athlete, Vladimir Kuts, over 5,000 metres. Steady rain has made the track very heavy, but the Russian sets a cracking pace from the start, with Pirie holding on like a limpet. Kuts appears to have the race in his pocket when with 300 yards to go Pirie puts on a burst which carries him past the tape 25 yards ahead, to smash the world record by nearly four seconds!

A few days later in Holland, before Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard - whose presense together is welcome, after recent rumours of a split - Pirie races again. This time it's the 1,500 metres, and he beats Richtzenhain with another incredible sprint finish, clocking his best time ever for the distance. Two great achievements in one week - Gordon's Olympic hopes grow steadily brighter!

At Monza, in Italy, drivers race for their cars at the start of the Super-Cortemaggiore Grand Prix. Peter Collins and Mike Hawthorn are driving a Ferrari, and Stirling Moss shares a Maserati with Perdica. Fangio and Castellotti, in another Ferrari, help to set the pace on this complex course, where different sections run parallel and cross over.

Collins and Hawthorn hold the lead, averaging over 120 miles an hour, and Moss loses ground when his Maserati gives trouble and he has to change cars.

Several cars have narrow escapes on the fierce corners, but manage to drive on - including Musco and Ribaldi's Maserati, No.24.

And victory goes to Britain's Peter Collins and Mike Hawthorn with Moss second and Fangio third - another Grand Prix cup for Britain's drivers' collections which are growing bigger every year...