

This lovely reach of the Thames at Henley has been the scene of the most famous ~~river~~ river regatta since 1839. To-day it still holds pride of place as the regatta for all rowing men.

Lord Nuffield was among the thousands of spectators who came to watch this annual meeting which sets, in the lazy beauty of the Thames Valley, one of the most energetic of all sports. And here --- in the Thames Challenge Cup --- we see how high-class Henley has come into line with modern democratic ideas. The opposing eights are the R.A.F., and a crew of lightermen from Poplar and Blackwall. The R.A.F. just managed to win by a length *Jolly good show!*

The Diamond Sculls. Here's T.A. Fox of London beating D.F. Meineke of Durban.....but he lost the Final to Kocerka of ~~Russia~~ Poland.

Top race of the Regatta, for eights, is the Grand Challenge Cup.

The French Army sent over a crew which defeated Jesus College in the semi-final and a Swedish crew in the final --- and celebrated their victory in the time-honoured way.

*At Wimbledon,* It was an all-Australian Final when Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall came out on to the Centre Court and bowed to the Duchess of Kent in the Royal Box. ~~From~~ From the start of the match it was clear that the 1956 winner would be a worthy ~~Wimbledon~~ Champion. It's Hoad nearer the camera.

Rosewall lost the first set 2 - 6, but won the second 6 - 4 *despite some surprise on the way*

Hoad at the far end.

Hoad again --- he had to go to 7 - 5 to win the third set. *W3*

Hoad serving --- at match and championship point.

So the Duchess of Kent presented the Challenge Cup to Lew Hoad --- champion of France and Australia --- and Wimbledon; and now one of the tennis immortals.

Now comes Miss Shirley Fry of America to meet Miss Angela Buxton --- first Women's Singles Finalist from Great Britain since 1939.

Here's Miss Buxton in action.

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Miss Buxton at the far end --- won the first game.

But Miss Fry took the first set 6 - 3.

Miss Fry at the far end --- serving at match point.

And once again the Duchess of Kent presented the Trophy. Miss Buxton will have many years to try again --- Miss Fry has tried many times and becomes Champion in 1956 /