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● Margie (left) and Maria. "Enemies" tomorrow, firm friends last night. It's so relaxing being a spectator.



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CENTRE COURT

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Caught by wicket-keeper Wally Grout as passing well wide of the off stump.

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The enigma with no variation

By CHARLES BRAY

enter again. The enigma of Test cricket, who has the skill and majesty of a Wally Grout, Henry Hendren rolled into one—and doesn't try to use it.

Edward was at his superb best. Sizzling shots flying over the closely cut turf and had the Aussies bowled in their own ends.

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THE Tour de France riders "Ambled" along together in the intense heat on yesterday's 11th stage, keeping the excitement for the huge bunched sprint at the end.

Again it was Michael Wright, the young British newcomer, who had the crowds buzzing as he fought Belgium's Edouard Sels for the line.

As on the first stage, it was Sels first. But the way Wright

HARRIS IS 'BRITISH' AGAIN

By LAURIE BURILLS

JOHN HARRIS, former USA works rider from Birmingham, will ride one of the Rickman brothers privately built 500 c.c. Melisses in the Daily Herald's Midlands scramble championship meeting at Hawkstone Park, near Shrewsbury, on Sunday (2 p.m.).

The brilliant, 30-year-old engineer, who rode in Britain's No. 1 team in last year's international six-day trial, recently joined the Japanese Suzuki factory's competition department after falling out with the British manufacturers' association.

He will now ride the latest 80 c.c. Suzuki in the official Japanese works team in East Germany against former club and team mate.

Meanwhile, to keep his eye in and to keep fit, he will be scrambling each week-end.

Spectacular

The Midlands championship on the last, spectacular Hawkstone circuit is ideal—and with works riders from the majority of British factories competing, he is going to have a really tough ride.

The opposition includes Vic Eastwood and Chris Horsfield (Matchless), Johnny Giles (Triumph), Jerry Dooit and John Banks (BSA) and, making a welcome return, Dave Curtis on a 500 Matchless.

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