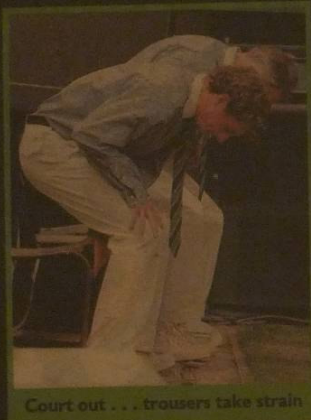
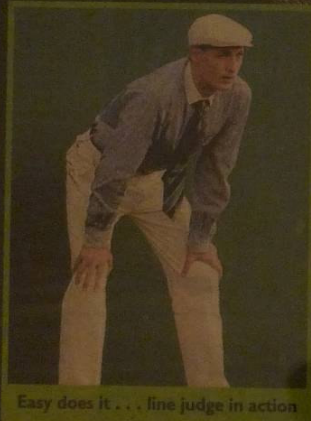


NEW WIMBLEDON UNIFORMS SPLIT



Court out . . . trousers take strain



Easy does it . . . line judge in action

I'm on
Number
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GAME SET 'N' PATCH

EXCLUSIVE by VIRGINIA WHEELER

WIMBLEDON staff have had a ripping time in their swanky new uniforms — after 60 pairs of designer trousers split.

The cream Ralph Lauren slacks have repeatedly torn open as line judges bend down in matches.

Now all 335 court officials have had them double stitched by an on-site tailor for the US firm.

Umpire Stuart Taylor, 28, yesterday said: "There were lots of accidents and ripping sounds. It was embarrassing."

The 1930s-style navy and cream kit has been made to measure. A Ralph Lauren spokesman said: "We have had the odd problem but these have been fixed. Everyone is happy."

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