

A sepia-toned photograph of tennis star Maureen Connolly. She is smiling and holding a large, ornate silver tennis trophy. She is wearing a light-colored, ribbed sweater over a collared shirt. The background is a blurred crowd of spectators in a stadium.

Today in History

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▲ Gifted U.S. tennis star Maureen Connolly died from cancer at age 34. In 1953 “Little Mo” became the first woman to win all four Grand Slam titles in the same year

1919: The captured German fleet scuttled itself at Scapa Flow in Scotland

1970: Brazil won the soccer World Cup for the third time

2006: Two newly discovered moons of Pluto were named Nix & Hydra. Icy Pluto, since demoted to “dwarf planet” status, has five moons and is itself smaller than the Earth’s moon

2009: Self-rule was introduced in Greenland in the latest step towards independence from Denmark