Silloth Rugby



Silloth Rugby Club are enjoying the best spell for a long time, better results, more squad members and great support from Silloth locals has resulted in Silloths' strong progress. They were unbeaten in March and are now preparing for a history making Cumbria Cup quarter final game against Netherhall Rugby Club. It takes time and patience to build $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ very good team, the signs are good if this squad stick together, our aim is to finish in the top 4 in the Cumbria league.

Pictured are members of Silloth first team squad with player coach Jimmy Lettice, in preparation for the cup match.



Horror Bee Jake Vailionis aged 4 from Holm Cultram Abbey School



Bitey Bee by Andrew Wise aged 7 from Holme St. Cuthbert School

Silloth Tennis Club

SILLOTH PLAYERS TURN IN "MINT" PERFORMANCES AT KENDAL!

Report by: Ricki T. Racket

Sunday the 4th of April saw 6 of Silloth's finest take to the road to take part in the county under 8's mini tennis red championships. Gareth Davenport, Adam Story, Billy Smith, Robbie Harrison, Sophie Harrison and Emily Wise all made the early



Team A

start for what were very competitive singles tournaments for players as far and wide as Carlisle and Barrow.

The boy's competition, with a massive 55 entries was played in groups, with group losers going on to a plate event and, after excellent first and second match wins that is where Adam, Robbie and Gareth managed to progress to the quarter finals. In the main draw, Billy Smith was the Silloth torch bearer and he progressed to the last 16 where he was unfortunate enough to meet the eventual champion. In all, every boy won at least 1 match, and again demonstrated a maturity and skill level beyond their years.

> The girls' tournament was less densely populated with 18 players taking part. The format was 2 groups of 4 and 2 groups of 5 in which both

Sophie and Emily figured. With 2 players from each group going through both the Silloth girls were confident of progression to the quarter finals. This they did with both winning 3 matches and losing 1. The quarter finals proved to be a very tense affair with both Sophie and Emily playing their best tennis so far. However, having been neck and neck with the eventual champion at 4-4, Sophie eventually ran out of steam and lost 7-4. Emily, meanwhile was involved in a titanic



struggle. Looking down and out at 6-4 and 2 match points down, she somehow turned the match around and held her own match point at 7-6. The match continued to see-saw until, at 9-9 and sudden death she unfortunately missed a forehand and the match was gone.

In the end, the winners of both events proved that extra bit of practice makes all the difference and were rewarded with trophies and

t-shirts, while every competitor received medals for their strenuous efforts on what was a very enjoyable day for everyone.

RESULTS

7-3, 10-9

GARETH won 7-1, lost 7-5 ROBBIE won 7-0, lost 7-5, 7-5 BILLY won, 8-6, 7-4, lost 7-1 ADAM won 7-2, 7-5, lost 7-4. SOPHIE won 7-1, 7-0, 7-0, lost EMILY won 7-2, 7-1, 7-0. lost

Please remember that membership forms for the club are now available in most shops and schools in the area and that our official free "PLAY TENNIS DAY" is on the 3rd of May and any donations for the food stall and raffle would be very welcome. Please contact David Wise on 32988, Sharon Story on 31634 or Lorraine Graham on 31320 for further details.



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Solway Autograss Club

Sunday saw the first race meeting of the season, and I am pleased to report that we had an excellent turn out with a total of 52 drivers signed on. Thanks to all the away drivers who turned up. The Dunns (SL53) had travelled

from Montrose in the north and Bryan Waterhouse (R203)travelled up from Coventry. It was nice to see four different clubs represented Solway, Yorkshire

Dales,

on it.

Whiterose and Radford. The spectators were well entertained with some excellent driving even though the track had some water lying

Best newcomer for 2003 John Hooper, who proved to us all that this sport can be done on a budget with his Stock Hatch

Fiesta, decided

to go up market for the new season with a V6 Vauxhall Tigra. However things didn't quite go to plan.

Things were drying out well by the time the finals came round.

Class 1. Yorkshire Dales driver Andy

John Davis to get first place.

Class 3. This was the MK2 Escort Owners club racing class apart from SL6. New to Autograss racing Jonathon Sayer rounded of the day with a first in the final.

Class 5. White Rose

driver WR1 Richard Dunwell enjoyed his race in the final coming over the line in Class 6. Trevor Brough continued



Nesbitt won the final. Class 2. With our new club champion SL1 struggling with the conditions it made things easy for YD35



SL1 Arthur Cunningham's car

with his winning streak to take first place. Class 8. Wullie Stewart put his special through its paces and kept a good lead away from the rest

of the drivers. Class 9 and 10. Steve Hartley. Our welcome visitor from Radford **R8 Nicholas** Ashbourne was also the only one in his class.