

Solway Autograss Club

During May Solway Autograss Club held their third meeting of the season. Despite the amount of dust we had to contend with we still had some excellent racing and no major incidents.

Maryport's McIntosh brothers in their colour co-ordinated Toyota Corolla's, both new to the club towards the end of last season are improving every meeting. Michael came first in the Solway Open and won his Class final, his brother Mark finished third.

Stuart Lewthwaite had the chance to race big brother Richard's Ford Puma, and from the minute he left the start line he certainly put the car through its paces,

racing home to 1st place.

We had an excellent turn out from our young Juniors, with 2 grids on the start line.

Gav Marks and Scott Rigg put up a good fight with both eager to keep 1st place. The star of the day had to be one of our Juniors, Rebecca Hadden, who only started driving last year. As soon as she turned 12 she was straight into the driving seat, and yesterday she certainly proved her weight in gold. From the very start of her final she got in front and stayed in front



Carlisle's Rebecca Hadden strapped in her mini and ready for her Junior Final

all the way to the line. On the top corner a Dales driver caught her back end causing her to lose things a little bit but she managed to keep the Mini in a straight line and head for the well earned chequered flag. Well done Becca you certainly put up an excellent fight, keep up the good work.

Class 1	1st. YD125 Andy Nesbitt	2nd. SL77 Paul Hodgson	3rd. YD95 David Okell
Class 2	1st. YD35 John Davis	2nd. YD27 Don Hilton	3rd. YD20 Adam Hilton
Class 3	1st. SL66 Mark Little	2nd. SL80 Phill Talbot	3rd.
Class 4	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
Class 5	1st. SL38 Martin Goth	2nd.	3rd.
Class 6	1st. SL94 Michael McIntosh	2nd. SL33 Harry Burgess	3rd. SL93 Mark McIntosh
Class 7	1st. SL2 Stuart Lewthwaite	2nd.	3rd.
Class 8	1st. SL14 Wullie Stewart	2nd.	3rd.
Class 9	1st. SL50 Steve Hartley	2nd.	3rd.
Class 10	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
Class 11	1st. YD27 Angie Hilton	2nd. SL1 Lin Cunningham	3rd. SL36 Sylvia Martin
Class 12	1st. YD58 Andrea Bradley	2nd. SL33 Sue Burgess	3rd.
Class 13	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
Class 14	1st. SL50 Kath Hartley	2nd.	3rd.
Stock Hatch	1st. YD636 Calvin Bradley	2nd. SL600 Mike Dinning	3rd. SL626 Kevin Brough
Juniors	1st. SL22 Gavin Marks	2nd. SL55 Scott Rigg	3rd. YD136 Lyndsey Knott
Solway Handicap	1st. SL94 Michael McIntosh	2nd. SL24 Joe Austin	3rd. SL2 Stuart Lewthwaite

Silloth Tennis Club

The Future Is Orange For Silloth's Girls As They Head For The County Schools Finals At Ulverston

Report by: Ricki T Racket

Sunday the 9th of May saw Silloth Primary School send four teams to the British Schools' Mini Tennis Orange Carlisle regional tournament at Dalston. The annual year 5 (under 10) event attracts schools from throughout the region to do battle on slightly reduced courts and with orange transition balls.

The boys event kicked off in the morning with Joe Smith, Billy Smith, Robbie Harrison and Ben Gribbon making up team "A" and Carl Lightfoot, Billy Charters, Oliver Neilly and Adam Johnston comprising the "B" team in what was a very tough and tightly contested event. Matches were filled with high drama and entertainment that is rarely seen around those parts. With Joe "Cannonball" Smith teaming up with Robbie "The Rocket" Harrison in the doubles and Billy Smith and Ben Gribbon looking like a modern day McEnroe and Fleming the "A" team actually went through the event unbeaten with three draws and a win, but with the added heartbreak of losing

two of those matches on points count back, this proved to be costly as they were just pipped at the post. The "B" team, with Billy "come on Tim" Charters making his tournament debut didn't fare as well winning one match against Rockcliffe, though with Captain Carl Lightfoot rallying his troops some very tight matches ensued and maiden singles and doubles wins for Adam "Becker" Johnston and Oliver "That was never out!" Neilly showed that the summer tournaments at Silloth are going to be very interesting indeed.

The girls' event in the afternoon provided drama all the way, with Emily Wise, who had just popped in to watch after a trip to Carlisle having to stand in at the last minute. Add to that some rather farcical scoring, and an irate Father and the scene was set for some excellent Tennis from both Silloth teams.

Captaining team "B", Abigail Davenport showed that some players require very little coaching as she turned in some sterling performances and with Aimee Gray, who was magnificently

undefeated throughout six matches and debutantes Lisa Bervoets and Kerry-Ann McGill also claiming victories the "B" team were extremely unlucky to finish as runners-up in their group with two wins and one defeat, which left team "A" as Silloth's only chance for glory on the day. They did not disappoint! Three matches and three wins later and Silloth's girls were in Tennis heaven with the prospect of a trip to Ulverston for the county finals in June and a day off school to savour!

After the initial furore over the scoring system Silloth never looked back and Hannah Story and Nadyne Cole spent the day unbeaten along with Sophie Harrison who was completely outwitting her opponents with some excellent placement and double handed play on both sides. As for Emily, who has now been re-christened "Steffi" she was unbeaten in her three singles matches and only lost out in one of her two doubles matches after the scoring "blip".

A fantastic day all round.

JAIME & DAWN LOOK TO WIMBLEDON AS SPECTATORS SIZZLE IN BANK HOLIDAY SUN

Lat year it was Anna Jones and Ricki Sutcliffe and this year saw very worthy successors on the trail of SW19, London, as Jamie Longcake and Dawn Graham held on to take possession of Silloth Tennis Club's "Road To Wimbledon" trophies.

On what proved to be a scorcher of a day, ten boys and five girls turned out to take part in our most competitive tournament to date as they all did battle to claim the respective crowns and with them the chance to play in the county finals at Ulverston, and, hopefully, the nationals at Wimbledon in September.

Played out over a



Our young tennis players thrive on competition

"Round Robin" format of one set matches the boys competition was a very competitive affair with the match of the day being a family duel in the sun between cousins James Gribbon and Jack Taylor who just squeezed home on a tie-break. Good performances ensued from competition debutante Ben Satterthwaite, comeback man Isaac Cork and Rob Taylor who at the age of eight made his way to the semi-finals and gave Jamie a tough match. The final proved to be another thriller with the ever-improving Rob Jefferson pushing Jamie all the way only to

lose out when serving to stay in the match at 4-5 down.

The girls' event had something of a weakened field, with current holders Anna Jones, Charlotte Charters and Rachel Holden all away on holiday. However, the expected winner Dawn Graham lived up to all expectations and took the prize, but didn't have things all her own way as current most improved player of the year, Julie Hurst, gave her a couple of frights on the way with the eventual final score line of 6-1 not really reflecting how close the match really was.

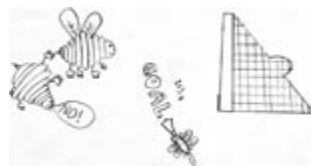


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