

Silloth Tennis Club

Congratulations to Emily Wise, Jared Cole and Greg Ramsay who have been selected for county coaching with county head coach Ben Saunders. Ben has been taking a look at various players over the last few months at training camps around the county and after working with and training alongside Andy Murray in his earlier days we hope that some of his talent rubs off on our players!

Greg Ramsay and Kirsty Girdler outlined their tremendous potential with excellent performances to become the first ever Mini Tennis Red champions of West Cumbria.

With more players coming through from our area it was decided to hold another regional qualifying event with the better performers qualifying for the county finals which are to be held at Kendal on the 23rd of April. Silloth's players didn't disappoint, with Joel Baker (semi final), Reece Blake (semi final), Jared Cole (quarter final), Matthew Middleton (quarter final) all joining Greg and Kirsty at the big event, who outfought Thomas Plews and Victoria Shepherd both Gosforth) respectively.



After 88 teams from all over Cumbria, a finals day of the best 16 teams and a cracking final match against one of Carlisle's largest primary schools, the title of best under 8 school team in Cumbria finally hinged on the very last point of the very last match of the competition.

The match was doubles, the opposition Stanwix school and the intrepid players from Silloth were Reece Blake and Joel Baker, with Joel the server preparing

for one of the biggest moments of his Tennis career.

The angst of the on-looking parents was clearly visible, some just couldn't watch and when Joel dumped his first serve into the bottom of the net the tension became absolutely unbearable. Joel and Reece were having none of that though and with a safely delivered serve, a return and an unstoppable shot from Reece the point was won and the title and trophy

were heading back to Silloth for a second successive year.

This was the icing on the cake for the awesome team who also included the wonderfully skilful Jared Cole and Greg Ramsay and after beating the likes of such highly fancied teams as St Michael's of Dalston, Kingmoor, Plumpton and Black Combe en route to their eventual success they have set the scene for another exciting summer for Silloth's young players.

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Windermere Golf Club catches up to Silloth Golf Club

Windermere Golf Club in Cumbria has been awarded the Junior GolfMark demonstrating their hard work and dedication to junior golf. Silloth on Solway Golf Club achieved this award a while ago with their strong junior section.

The English Golf Union (EGU) and English Ladies' Golf Association (ELGA) developed the Junior GolfMark Award to

identify and acknowledge junior friendly golf facilities in England.

Junior GolfMark evaluates golf clubs on the following three areas within their junior section:

- a) Coaching & Playing
- b) Club Environment
- c) Child Protection & Duty of Care

EGU and ELGA Development Officers continually conduct assessment meetings,

offering advice and guidance to golf clubs on how to further enhance their junior sections and develop best practices.

The GolfMark award

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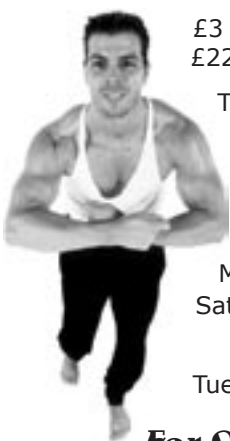
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