

Silloth Tennis Club

REECE BLAKE IS COUNTY MINI TENNIS CHAMPION FOR 2006



Silloth Tennis Club's Reece Blake followed in a fine family tradition of sporting prowess and achievement, as he became county under 8 Tennis champion for 2006. He also followed in the footsteps of Gareth Davenport who took the title last year.

The strength in depth of the tournament was described as the best ever seen as the top 32 players out of an original line up of 94 took to the courts of Kendal Leisure Centre on 23rd April. To be amongst the final 32 was some achievement, but the Silloth quintet of Reece, Jared Cole, Matthew Middleton, Joel Baker and Greg

Ramsay did the club proud with a whole host of fine performances with Jared and Matthew unlucky to be eliminated in the group stages, Greg progressing to the quarter finals and Joel narrowly squeezed out by a single point to Reece in the semi finals. That left Reece to face the might of highly fancied conqueror of Greg, Kyle Martlew in the final and after weathering the initial onslaught, his

silky skills and quick movement around the court saw him through 7-5 to become the champ.

Unusually we only had one girl, West Cumbrian champ Kirsty Girdler competing in the finals, and after winning her group she was confident of going all the way, but a loose point here and there saw her narrowly knocked out 7-5 at the quarter final stage by the winner Carlisle's Katie Bell.

ANDY MURRAY BEATEN BY ANDREW HARRISON



Andrew Harrison with defeated Andy Murray

"I just don't think that he's ready yet". Those were the words of Silloth Tennis Club's vice captain Andrew Harrison who, after a tight 3 set match in which Andy Murray pushed him all the way to just miss out 7-6, 7-6, 7-6 decided against offering him a place in Silloth's winter league men's team.

It was a great effort

from Murray at the Braehead Arena in Glasgow, but, as if to rub salt into the wounds of defeat from the Serbia & Montenegro team, the Silloth player's all round court coverage and stunning backhand were just too much for the 18 year old and after a little after match advice on how to improve we are sure that 2007 will see him get his chance.

HANNAH STORY OFF TO EDINBURGH AS SHE MAKES COUNTY CUP TEAM



Hannah Story is celebrating her call up to represent the county at under 12 level.

She was a late call up to the squad and took to the courts of the David Lloyd Centre in Edinburgh to take on the collective might of North of Scotland, East of Scotland & Northumberland respectively. The day was a fascinating one with the girls from Scotland especially strong, but Hannah put up a good display and was unfortunate to lose her last match 4-2, 5-3.



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Abbeytown Badminton

Abbeytown Badminton Club has had one of their best seasons ever in 2005/6. They were crowned Division 2 champions in the Carlisle Badminton League and were narrowly defeated in the final of the Peeney Cup (a handicapped competition organised by the West Cumbria Badminton league).

In the Carlisle Badminton League we started badly with a defeat to Dalston B away. However, after that Abbeytown went on to beat Scotby, Border Esk B, Wigton and Brampton both home and away. The team to beat were Border C. They came to us first and we had a very convincing 9-0 win. Of course our hall gives us an advantage at home but 9-0 was an excellent result. Then we went to Border C who plays at St. Aidans school sports hall. A bit different to Abbeytown village hall. We put up a good fight but lost 6-3. This meant the Division 2 title was between Border C and Abbeytown with one match to play. Abbeytown verses Wigton at Abbeytown. We had to win by 8-1 or better to win the title. There were some close matches but we managed to win 9-0. CHAMPIONS! Our team consists of Lorraine Graham, Ann Ford, Shirley Beurskens, Carole Harrington, Colin Satterthwaite, Hamish Currie, Colin McCleary and Scott Morrison.

The Peeney cup was also close in every match. We beat Marchon and Lillyhall on our way to the final and came up against the top dogs, Solway Workington. We put up a good fight but we lost narrowly by 6 points. So close yet so far. This team was Lorraine Graham, Shirley Beurskens, Carole Harrington, Colin Satterthwaite, Hamish Currie and Neil Blair. We played in Division 1 this season in the West Cumbria Badminton League and managed to stay in that Division too.

Our juniors are coming along nicely too. They have played friendly matches verses Border and Dalston winning 2 out of the 3 matches played. Well done to Dawn Graham, Julie Hurst, Ben Satterthwaite, Robert Jefferson, Grant Simpson, Andrew Pearson and Sean Little. Dawn and Ben have also gone to coaching at Penrith and Keswick with Dawn gaining county the U 13 girls doubles championship with a Cocker mouth girl Rae Lamour. Dawn has also played for the county at Macclesfield in an inter-league competition.

Our season begins in September and we run until the end of April. If you would like to join us we play on Friday evenings from 8pm. For any enquiries contact Lorraine Graham on 016973 31320.