

Obituary: Jimmy Wareing

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At Silloth Rugby Union Club we were all saddened by the recent death of former player Jimmy Wareing.

Jimmy was playing for Cumberland County Team before the war at stand off, alongside his clubmate Jonathan Carr. The war came and Jimmy went to the Army, but sadly Jonathan lost his life in the Royal Navy in 1940. Jimmy represented the Army, Combined Services and was selected for England in a wartime international but injury deprived him of his cap. After distinguished war service at Dunkirk and later on the Normandy landings, he returned to Silloth R.U. but was quickly signed up for the newly formed Workington Town R.L.

By now Jimmy was a prop forward and the formidable front row combination of Jimmy Hayton, Vince McKeating and Jimmy Wareing paved the

way for much of Town's success, when they played on Borough Park in front of crowds of up to 18,000. The ball was won by forwards and given to incisive centres Eppy Gibson and Australian Tony Paskins who made ground before feeding flying wingers, Happy Wilson and John Lawenson. The League championship was won in 1951 and the Challenge cup at Wembley in 1952.

Jimmy was in all these games and also a member of the Cumberland County Championship Team. After his playing days he was coach to the 'A' team.

He liked to visit Silloth and his knowledgeable conversations at the Rugby club were well worth hearing. His last visit was as "special guest" at the renaming of the Jim Brough Park at the club's 125th Anniversary Day.

From all at Silloth Rugby Club we send condolences to his family.

Silloth Tennis Club

Hannah & Oliver Are Crowned 2006 Green Champs As Greg Makes His Mark

Now in its fifth year, the mini tennis green club championship for under 11's continues to throw up its fair share of good matches and surprise results.

This year saw an influx of younger players as the likes of Reece Blake, Cameron Moore, Joel Baker, Kirsty Girdler and Greg Ramsay took to the courts alongside the likes of Oliver Neilly, Luke Graham, Hannah Story and Aimee Gray and it was the youngest of that bunch, Greg Ramsay, a mere 7 years of age who caused the shock of the day as he beat Robbie Harrison in a pulsating 10-9 battle. It was a result Robbie could ill afford as it eventually knocked him out of the main event with his reward coming in the shape of victory in the plate final over Adam Story. Greg took his ever improving game as far as the semi finals, where his fine run came to an end as the ever-consistent Oliver Neilly proved to be one match too far for the youngster.

The other semi saw



another consistent performer, Gareth Davenport, up against another mightily improved player Luke Graham, with Luke displaying a lot of natural talent to come through 10-5. Luke carried that form into the final, but could see no way past good friend Oliver whose consistency was even more evident as he took the title 10-2.

The girls' event, played to a slightly different format saw a tight battle from the three leading players in the shape of Hannah Story, Sophie Harrison

and Aimee Gray, with Hannah and Aimee progressing to the final as Sophie matched brother Robbie's efforts by securing the plate with victory over Dionne Blake. The final saw two players with two different goals, with Aimee aiming to become the first player to have her name on all six mini Tennis singles and doubles trophies and Hannah aiming for her first

singles title to add to her newly acquired green doubles win. The early exchanges saw Aimee forge ahead, but as the match wore on it was the greater strength of shot and consistency from Hannah that saw her catch up and come through for a fairly comfortable 10-5 win.



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