## Silloth U-15's Rugby

Report by: Andrew Maddison

Silloth RUFC under 15's played their first competitive game on Thursday 1st May when they entertained Wigton RUFC at the Jim Brough Memorial Ground. For many of the Silloth team this was their first experience of competitive rugby, which showed in some sections of the game as a very experienced and organised Wigton team attacked from the start.

Silloth defended bravely and courageously as they soaked up the pressure being put on them by Wigton. The defensive line was breached on a number of occasions throughout the first half as Wigton held a 24 – 0 lead at half time. Silloth managed to create a number of chances in the first half as they had a number of line outs close to the Wigton line. However, the experienced Wigton team managed to turn the ball over and clear their lines of any danger.

In the second half Wigton continued to exert a large amount of pressure on the Silloth line. However, the Silloth

team began to grow in confidence and withstood the pressure and kept Wigton out. The Silloth defence was breached on a number of occasions in the second half with the Wigton fly half, who was a key player throughout the game, who scored a great solo effort from his own half as he flew past a number of the Silloth team to score beneath the post. Wigton could have scored a number of tries in the second half but they where thwarted because of excellent defending by Scott Pearson and James Gribbon who held up the play on their own line. Silloth had a number of break-aways in the second half, however they where stopped by some tremendous Wigton defence. The final score was Silloth 0 - Wigton 53. Despite the result the Silloth players where eager to play another match in the near future.

Silloth RUFC under 15's are still requiring players, all are very welcome to come down to training on Tuesday nights from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at the Rugby Club.

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Report & Photo by: Colin Baty

Silloth A.F.C Junior and Men's team have now finished their seasons with the Junior teams left to play in small sided tournaments throughout the summer.

The over 35's will be playing throughout the summer with some games being played at Abbeytown whilst Silloth's pitch is being reseeded so please refrain from damaging the repaired area's.

The mens team finished their last league game with a 2-1 defeat which leaves them one place off relegation, hopefully they have done enough to avoid this. John Slack has finally retired as Manager and if anyone is looking to take over this highly prestigious role then give Colin Baty a ring on 31297. The same applies for anyone interested in doing a Football Referee's course to officiate in Junior Football games you can earn £20 a game for this honour!

The U-14's finished the season in a creditable mid table place, here they are in the photo before beating Carlisle City 1-0. The U-11's have won more games than lost and reached the semi finals of the League Cup played at Brunton Park losing 3-1 to Warwick Wanderers. The U-10's also reached the quarter finals of the same competition losing 3-0 and the U-8's also achieved this losing 4-3.

All our Junior teams have acquitted themselves admirably and a big

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thank you for all the support from coaches and parents for their help.

On May the 17th the Junior teams had their presentation night in the Rugby Club which was fantastically supported. The following were winners: Under 8's Most improved player: Ben Stoddart Most Man of the matches: Spencer Irving Player's player of the year: Spencer Irving

### Silloth U-14's

Manager's player of the year: Jack Winter Under 10's Most improved player: Lee Allen Most man of the matches: Tom Beatty Player's player of the year: Joel Baker Manager's player of the year: Cameron Moore Under 11's Most improved player of the year: Jack Wallace Most man of the matches / Girl of the games: tie between Gareth Davenport & Shelby

Pickering Player's player of the year: tie between Stuart Johnson and Gareth Davenport Manager's player of the year and Silloth Junior teams top goal scorer overall: Georgia Wilson Under 14's Most improved player: Tommy Dixon Most man of the matches: Oliver Neilly Player's player of the year: Ryan Mahoney Manager's player of the year: Caris MacKay.



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