

Silloth Junior Tennis

SILLOTH TENNIS KIDS FIRST TASTE OF COMPETITION

Sunday 9th of March saw Silloth Primary School take part in the West Cumbrian section of the annual Schools' mini Tennis tournament for years 1,2 and 3 at St. Benedict's Catholic Primary School, Whitehaven.

Up against the collective might of Black Combe and Braithwaite Primary School's respectively,

Steffi Graf for the new millennium things were getting better all the time. Add to the equation Hannah Story's "Williams-like" athletic prowess and Gareth Davenport's superb all-court game and both teams soon overwhelmed their respective opponents.

Words cannot describe how well our players performed, or how proud



Silloth's imaginatively titled teams the "Butterflies" and the "Buzzy Bees" embarked upon what was their first ever taste of Tennis on the competitive stage.

Superbly marshalled by team captains Billy "Becker" Smith and Nadyne "Novotna" Cole, the two teams did initially suffer from those natural "big match nerves" and took a little while to settle down. But, by their second matches a new-found inner strength and control was beginning to shine through. Confidence was now seeping from every pore as Silloth's newest generation of Tennis Players started to get to grips with their individual games.

With Aimee Gray masquerading as Hingis in disguise, Adam Story and Emily Wise (both year 1) triumphant over year 3 opponents and Bethany Hodnett resembling a

we are of them. To play team sports in front of an audience is quite a daunting prospect, but to actually take centre stage and perform what is essentially one on one combat takes a lot of raw courage and nerves of steel and therefore both teams are to be applauded and thoroughly praised for providing what was a very enjoyable occasion for everyone involved. Add to this the excellent team spirit, court etiquette and courtesy to their opponents and I think we can all be very proud that Silloth has such wonderful ambassadors for both the school and the town.

A special mention must also go to Kirsty Milburn for providing help and support with the racket warm ups, brilliant umpiring skills and supportive attitude throughout.

Solway Autograss Club

CHAIRMAN GETS A FIRST PLACE

A chilly but bright day greeted us for the second meeting of the season. The cold wasn't a deterrent, plenty of drivers were itching to get started. It was good so many Yorkshire Dales drivers turned out. Our junior drivers are multiplying, another two made their debut on the track.

The Minis of Class 1 were first out on to the track, and straight away Arthur Cunningham was first into the bottom corner, closely followed by Mark Johnston. Arthur managed to keep ahead and finished first followed by Whiterose.

HEAT 2 and Class

Fiesta. The Whiterose was first to pass the chequered flag in his class followed by Mike in his class first and Michael Abbott in second.

HEAT 2 Classes 5 and 7 and Mike went storming to victory, with Nick Barnard in second. Their final didn't prove to be so successful with Mike retiring. Nick Barnard won his final with his Class 5.

Class 2 and Class 4 had an interesting race, Mark managed to keep his line finishing in second place.

HEAT 2 Classes 2 and 4 and again those Dales drivers were doing well.

Class 6 was a good fast race with Richard

Lewthwaite managing first place.

Class 3 saw Kev Abbott finish in a good second place.

HEAT 2 Class 3 saw Dales YD205 taking it

all the way to first place followed by Kev Abbott.

The Specials were next and Wullie Stewart got off to a good start with a clear half lap lead.

Heat 2 The specials were off with Nick Dowson getting well away from the rest of the pack.



1's set off on a well dampened track, with Arthur straight into the lead followed by Mark and Paul Robson. Arthur finished 1st followed by Mark in 2nd.

With a change on the usual line up, the Stock Hatch's were second out on the track; Kevin Brough went straight into the lead and managed to keep well ahead throughout the whole of the race. HEAT 2 Stock Hatch again saw Kevin Brough straight into the lead until John Hooper got the edge on him and managed a good first place followed by Kevin and Dave Widdup in third.

Class 5 and Class 7 saw Whiterose go straight into the lead keeping well ahead of Mike Hadden with his Audi powered



The Juniors set off haring down to the first corner. Dales driver James Hewitt raced home to first place

Ladies Class 11 and 12 set off with Lin Cunningham straight into the lead. Next meeting Sunday 11th May.