

Silloth Tennis on the Road to Wimbledon

Rory Finally Breaks His Duck As He Joins Anna On The Wimbledon Glory Trail!



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Despite his huge ability and all court game the fact that his Tennis trophy cabinet was a bare one was starting to get to Rory Johnstone a little bit. Time after time he had promised much, but just failed at that final hurdle. But, the Road to Wimbledon 2005 saw him put that little niggle well and truly to bed in fantastic fashion with a display of power and guile, guts and finesse as he took his first steps towards London.

With newcomers to the event Declan Marshall, Gareth Hart and Sam Brough all acquitting themselves

very well, Ben Satterthwaite looking technically sound and James Gribbon and Phil Morton giving improved performances the competition was throwing up some very interesting matches, but the semi finals had a very familiar feel to them as they turned out to be a battle of the R.J.'s as Rory was joined by brothers Ryan and Ross and his nemesis Robert Jefferson and after 6-1 and 6-2 victories for Rory and Robert over Ryan and Ross respectively another titanic battle to rival their Easter final was very much anticipated. Well, the audience were

not to be disappointed as another match ebbed and flowed its way to another tie-break with Rory eventually triumphant 7-4.

The girls' event also gave us some very intriguing battles as previous winners Anna Jones and Dawn Graham pitted their collective wits against the up-coming Rachel Holden and Emily Hope as well as the younger, but talented Laura Holyoake and Nadyne Cole with the two younger girls showing us that they will be a force to be reckoned with in the near future. With the group stages over the semi finals

matched up Emily with Dawn and Anna with Rachel with the two previous winners just having that something extra when it came to the crunch as they took their respective matches 6-1 and 6-2 respectively.

The final was a battle of early nerves as both players gave up their services games quite easily. Once settled both Anna and Dawn showed us why they have been at the top of the game in Silloth over the last couple of years with some sparkling shots being played as Anna eventually made it to the finishing line first to record a 6-3 victory.

Silloth Tennis Club Red

Sunday 29th May saw the Third Mini Tennis Red championships take place with 60 matches scheduled. The Tennis on show matched the sunshine as the under 8's took to the mini courts to see who would be crowned club champion for 2005.

With previous champ Gareth Davenport opting out of this year's event the boys event was a mouth-watering affair with 10 players. It was the usual suspects of Adam Story, Joel Baker, Reece Blake and Jared Cole who found themselves fighting out two fiercely played semi finals with Reece and Joel just edging through to a pulsating clash, which, after an exciting comeback was won by Reece 7-5.

The girls' event had a sense of déjà vu with Georgia Hoodless and Emily Wise powering through to another final meeting, although Emily suffered a defeat in the group stages as Abbie Williamson produced the shock of the tournament and with good performances from Carmen Neilly, Vicky Stanwix and Rebecca Markley the future looks good at this level. The final produced some exciting rallies and a 7-2 victory in Emily's favour didn't reflect the game.

The plate events for group losers were won by Vicky Stanwix and Matthew Middleton with the boys doubles victors being Jared Cole and Matthew Middleton and the girls doubles won by Emily Wise and shared partners Sophie Markley and Eve Scott.

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