

Silloth Tennis Club

Kerry & Sophie Win Club Orange Doubles Title As Adam & Patrick Take The Boy's Prizes



When you are five match points down in a final, it is very difficult to believe that it is your names that will be etched on that trophy for eternity. However, if you are Kerry-Ann McGill and Sophie Harrison then you obviously have that belief, as they reeled off an unbelievable seven straight points to become Silloth Tennis Club's Mini Tennis Orange doubles champions for 2005.

The girls on the other side of the net, namely Lisa Bervoets and Aimee Gray were helpless as a wonderful start turned into a nightmare of epic proportions as the Kerry and Sophie express belatedly rolled into town, picked up its cargo and sped off into the distance. It was an excellent end to a tight tournament with a points count-back taking place as three pairings were tied as they vied for a final place. To be fair to Kerry and Sophie they were deserved winners, as they were unbeaten throughout the competition.

The boys didn't let anybody down either as newcomers such as Lee and Lewis Allen and Luke Brannan got their first taste of competitive action. It proved to be a very interesting event as more experienced



players guided the rookies through their matches with aplomb in a show of maturity and understanding. After two fantastic semi finals it was Kieron Carr and Joel Baker and Patrick Brough and Adam Story who came through to meet in another titanic struggle with Patrick and Adam coming out on top to crown another fantastic day.

Robbie & Aimee Take Mini Tennis Orange Club Championships For 2005

The 3rd Mini Tennis Orange club championships took place on Saturday 4th June and it was the collective might of Robbie Harrison and Aimee Gray that waltzed off with the respective singles titles.

Held for the first time as two separate events the competition was strong with players aged from 7 to 10 competing for the coveted titles. With new performers such as Matthew Middleton, Reece Blake, Jared Cole, Joel Baker and Kirsty Girdler making their Orange debuts with style and without fear it was the relatively old hands such as Nadyne Cole, Hannah Story, Ross Johnstone and of course Robbie and Aimee who dominated proceedings to produce a fine display of skilful tennis.

There were many performances to take note of in both events, none more so than Gareth Davenport who outlasted the Federer like skills of Ross Johnstone en route the final and Dionne Blake who made it through to the relatively uncharted semi final waters.

With Robbie outlasting the excellent Patrick Brough 13-12 in the match of the day semi final he finally took his first club crown 10-7 against future champ Gareth in the final.



Having just returned from his two week stint at the Bolletieri training camp in Florida it seems like the sunshine and expert tuition has done



him the world of good.

Dionne's performances provided the highlights of the girls event and her semi final showing shows that there are now a number of girls hot on the tails of the usual top four players, but it was Aimee Gray who finally took the title to record her first victory at this level as she fought off a determined Hannah Story fight back to clinch out a 10-8 win.

With Joel Baker (year 2) and Emily Wise (year 3) taking the plate titles the future looks to be in safe hands as our fantastic players go from strength to strength.

Cumbria Youth Games

Allerdale's youngsters proved they were the best at the annual Cumbria Youth Games.

The team came home from the Games, which were held in Barrow on Saturday 2 July, with the Lonsdale Trophy after winning five of the 14 different events and seeing off the competition from the county's five other districts. Around 800 Allerdale youngsters

aged between eight and sixteen took part in the annual festival, competing in events including hockey, netball, rugby union, boccia and orienteering. The Allerdale team also won the trophy last year. Over the coming year the Lonsdale Cup will be visiting all the schools that took part.

Rebecca Jackson, Sport Development Officer for Allerdale Borough Council, said:

"The Cumbria Youth Games is the largest multi-sport participation event for young people in Cumbria. It was fantastic that Allerdale retained the Lonsdale Cup and proves that there is a huge amount of sporting talent and enthusiasm amongst our young people. Hopefully events like the Youth Games will encourage children to join local clubs and continue their participation in sport".

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