Silloth Tennis Club

County Champions

Some of Silloth's young Tennis players have had a very interesting summer of non-stop competitive action with a mixture of success and narrow defeats. Leading the way was nine year old Emily Wise. In August Emily took the Kendal Open title for under ten's and has since followed that up with the county under ten plate title as well as appearances in the northern semi final of the mini tennis green event and the county under 12 doubles final alongside Hannah Story. For her part Hannah was Emily's conqueror en-route to claiming the mini tennis green crown after reaching the semi finals of the county under 12 competition. The mini Tennis green competition also saw Ross Johnstone as north Cumbria champ after beating close friend Oliver Neilly in the final. The competition also

saw good performances from Luke Graham, Gareth Davenport and Adam Story who all made the quarter finals and with it qualification for the county finals in October. Ross also took the county plate title for under 12's at the county championships. Another very notable performance was that of Dawn Graham who reached the county final of the "Road to Wimbledon" where she was up against the might of Dena Daley and after a tight first set finally succumbed to the county number 2.

North Cumbria Champions

Hannah Story and Ross Johnstone are celebrating after becoming champions of north Cumbria at mini tennis green level.

After cruising through the field Ross had to dig deep in the semi finals coming back from 4-0 down and he had to repeat the feat in the final against good friend Oliver Neilly again coming back from a 4 point deficit to claim the title.

Hannah had a similar story with the group stages proving a stroll until the semi final where she was 5-1 down against fellow Sillothian Emily Wise, coming back to win 10-6. The final was even closer as proven by a 10-9 victory over Brampton's Katie Bell.

Other good performances to note were from Luke Graham, Gareth Davenport and Adam Story, who all made the semi finals and with it qualification for the county finals at Ulverston.

Solway School **Sports Hall**

The new sports hall at Solway School is attracting the attention of the Tennis world even before it is finished!

After hearing how good the venue is likely to be, Cumbria LTA have decided to host the West Cumbrian legs of both the schools and individual Mini Tennis Red events for 2007. The move will also help establish good links with the School and enable some of its students to gain experience in umpiring and the running of such events.

Emily Wise Wins Kendal Open

Emily Wise is celebrating after wining her first full court title. It came in the

under 10's event at the prestigious Kendal Open. In its 58th year of competition the open attracts entries from all over the country and a look at Emily's trophy sees the names of current British women's' Number 4 Katie O'Brien and Lisa Sutton who are currently world ranked 257 & 515 respectively in the senior rankings.

The tournament was played in round-robin format between 5 players with Emily winning all of her matches and it will hopefully give her confidence for the up-coming County Championships.

Carlisle United Crazie Bee

by Annabelle Brown

aged 9 from

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Three Silloth players play for Cumbria League Select XV in special game at Creighton Rugby Club



Ryan Robertson, Phillip Scott, and Darren Irwin

Three of Silloth's current first team players were chosen to represent the county league fifteen against the current Creighton R.U.F.C. First Team to celebrate the opening of the fantastic clubhouse at the Carlisle club. The clubhouse was donated to Creighton by former player Fred Story and is a superb building.

It was an honour for the Silloth Rugby Club and the lads, all three players played well and got on the score sheet.





by Kirsty Bell aged 5 from Silloth Primary School

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