



**BILLINGHAM RUGBY CLUB
NEWS LETTER
“THE LION”**



**Billingham u8's- 5
V
West Hartlepool- 5
Older more exp group**

The fixture turned out to be a real roller coaster of a game, after some excellent approach play a diagonal run from left to right by Curtis Kirby opened the Billingham account. However West H/pool ran in three tries in succession without reply. A couple of weaving runs from Glenn Richardson levelled things out for Billingham before West H/pool ran in a try late on in the first half to take a 4 – 3 half time lead. A much tighter defence and a great use of width proceeded a much more fluid second half and a marvellous run down the right wing by Jonathan Rumis levelled things up. A drive through centre and a drive over the

line by Conner Lavender edged Billingham in front, before West H/pool levelled the at 5 –5, which is how the game finished. A last minute try from Jonathon Rumis was ruled out for a foot in touch, which would have ensured a deserved victory for an excellent second half showing, well done lads keep up the good work.

Full time score 5 – 5

Try's by
Glenn Richardson (2)
Curtis Kirby (1)
Jonathon Rumis (1)
Connor Lavender (1).

West Hpool – 4

**Billingham U8's - 4
Younger newer group**

Another close contest was witnessed by an industrious group of the younger or newer members of the under 8's. Two debut tries

from Luke demonstrated both strength of running in his attack play and eagerness to tag in his defensive duties. Another recent member of the fold Baden Knibbs showed great pace to get his first try under his belt. Powerhouse Sean Lavender, who captained his side well throughout the game, scored a fourth try. Well done, bring on the next team!

Full time score 4 – 4

Try's by,
Luke Wilson (2)
Baden Knibbs (1)
Sean Lavender (1).

Well Done

S Lowery from the ladies team for being selected to play for the North East U16s Girls good luck from all at Billingham rugby club.

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FIXTURES

Minis

15 Feb— D'ton H
22 Feb— Training
29 Feb— Durham A

U13s

15 Feb— Training
22 Feb— Durham
29 Feb— Training

U14s

15 Feb— Redcar A
22 Feb— Training
28 Feb—(Sat 12.30 ko)
Guisborough

U16s

15 Feb— Training
22 Feb— Training
29 Feb— Stockton H

SENIORS

Billingham 1st

14 Feb— Consett A
21 Feb— WHTDSOB H
28 Feb— Acklam A

Billingham 2nds

14 Feb— P-Park A
21 Feb— Consett H

Billingham 3rds

14 Feb— Consett H
21 Feb— D'ton A
28 Feb— Acklam T H

Billingham 4ths

21 Feb— N Aycliffe H
28 Feb— Acklam A

COLTS

28 Feb— Morpeth H

Billingham Ladies

29 Feb— Durham A

Billingham V Stockton

The weather was going into minuses when the lads came out, the game kicked off with suspense as with both teams trying to score. Both teams were attacking and defending, but after a while Billingham could not keep the good work up when Stockton scored there first unconverted try. After a bad move from Stockton, Billingham were given a penalty and took the chance to ruck the ball over the try line to score a well-deserved converted try. Stockton then scored another try this time from a driven maul (unconverted).

The half time whistle blew with a half time score of 10-7 to Bill.

The 2nd half kicked off with both teams battling to score not a lot happened in the 2nd half, rain turned to hail then snow and back to rain, when the weather warmed up Potts found the strength to score a converted try, Stockton were trying hard to get another try but couldn't, Potts from Billingham did manage to knock out the Billingham captain with a accidental kick to the head!!!

The final whistle went with a score of 10-17 to Billingham!!!

WELL DONE LADS!!!

Reported by Dale Thompson. Aged 13yrs

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Billingham 1st

**V
Percy Park 1st**

If only this game ended like the last time we played these. That was the game where A. Golightly ran in 5 tries to make us win 44-27.

It took Billingham some time to get into this game, which give P.Park the chance to open the scoreboard. Later on in game J. Durnion put Billingham first set of points on the board to make the score 7-3 to P.Park. With only minutes until the end of the first half, Billingham brought on A. Golightly with only seconds of coming on he scored in the bottom right corner which was converted by J. Durnion Full time score 28-10

To P.Park
 Reporting
 Scott Thompson

West H\pool U9s – 25

V

Billingham U9's – 55

Billingham under 9's scored their biggest victory of the season so far today. Playing on a pitch which sloped a lot and was full of mole hills there was some good continuity, 5 of Billingham tries came from ball which was nipped from contact. West Hartlepool marked Billingham for the first quarter but then Billingham began to pull together some good passes and their hallmark running in open play came to the fore.

Tries by,
 Craig Willis (4)
 Mathew Kirby (1)
 Luke Bainbridge (1)
 Thomas Kuy (2)
 Conner Leck (3)

PLAYER PROFILE

Name: *Mark Massey*

Age: *16*

Position: *Front row*

School: *Northfield*

Best Rugby Moment: *Getting Free hot dogs after game*

Worst Rugby Moment:

Not getting free hot dogs

Most Admired Player:

Hobbo

Favourite Woman: *Hobbo*

Favourite Book: *His autobiography*

Favourite Film: *Home video of him self*

Favourite Food: *Sues 10 dog special*



Billingham Wanderers 5

V

**Guisborough Town Res. 3
Burness Plate Cup**

Billingham made several changes to the team and formation for this game despite being unbeaten since mid November. Billingham took a 3 – 0 lead in the first 20 minutes. Matty Sykes scoring a 16yd volley, Lee Mitchell made 2 – 0 with his 3rd goal in 3 games and John Cairnes made it 12 for the season fro the penalty spot to make it 3 – 0. Billingham then relaxed slightly and just before ½ time Guisborough made it 3 – 1 from the penalty spot, keeper Andy Smith saved the first effort but it was retaken and no mistake was made again.

Billingham started quick again with Matty Sykes scoring his 2nd of the game. Guisborough won another penalty to make it 4 – 2, then scored a scrappy goal to get to 4 – 3. Billingham were always in control and Paul Arnold scored to make it 5 – 3 from a good cross from Danny Titchiner.

There was several man of the match contenders but Paul Skipper got it, and congratulations to the team who were voted Teeside League Team of the month for December. Well done lads.

**UNDER 16s
TO PLAY FOR THE
AIR CADETS**

**SCOTT THOMPSON
 MATHEW WESTALL
 SIMON TODD
 IMRAN ANWAR**

Have all been selected to represent the Air cadets for the northern region. **Well done.**

INJURIES

Danny Westall Under 14s, hurt his neck at Percy Park last weekend. We hope he has a quick recovery.