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### September 21st 2003

#### Durham U14s 0

#### Billingham U14s 58

A lovely sunny day in Durham, and a very good win for the lads. Six months ago we beat Durham by 10 points in a difficult game, so we were expecting a tough test today. After a hard first five minutes, a good try from D. Sayers opened the scoring. This was followed by four more first half tries. These came from A. Hyndman, 2 from J. Watson and one from S. Bence two of these were converted by P. Evans.

The second half started as the first had ended, with Billingham too strong for Durham and running in two tries in the first 5 minutes D. Sayers scoring first, then J. Watson getting his hat trick which P. Evans converted. Then A. Hyndman scored again converted by P. Evans. The ref had already decided that the game was being to one sided and had tried to play more advantage

to Durham, but after a try by A. John-Wooley he had to call it a day. Some good individual performances today, but mostly being a good solid team unit, earned them the victory.

**Man of the Match** – M. Stringer, did everything right, won everything as hooker and tackled their big lads with enthusiasm.

### September 28<sup>th</sup> 2003

#### Billingham U14s - 34

#### Mowden Park U14s-12

#### Simply The Best

We had waited a year for this one. Mowden were one of only two teams to beat us last season, and the lads really wanted revenge. But they did better than that. In an excellent all round display, the lads played Mowden off the park. Mowden opened the scoring after just 5 minutes, with a breakaway from the back, which was converted. Then J. Watson replied for B'ham with P. Evans converting.

Continuous B'ham pressure brought a try from D. Sayers, again converted by P. Evans. B'ham now new they could beat them. With their confidence boosted, they went on to produce their best display to date, in front of a good “home” following. In the second half four more tries, two from J. Watson and two from A. Hyndman, destroyed Mowden, who were now playing just for pride, in front of irate coaches.

No man of the match for this game. Every single one of them deserved it, and no individual could be picked out, from an outstanding team performance. Everything we had done in training, forwards and backs, was done with enthusiasm and enjoyment, and today it all came together. We are all extremely proud of our team today.

### Mowden Park U16s 28 Billingham U16s 0

Billingham U16s were playing their first game of the season against Mowden Park, who had played 2 games so far this season, the last one being against Sunderland which they won 48-15. We started off well and played some good rugby. Unfortunately this being the first game of the season we were a little rusty. Mowden agreed we give them a hard game and were more than surprised at how far we have come along since last season. J Screen made some outstanding tackles through out the game to win Man of the Match. I Anwar as always played brilliantly, along with M, Bence, C, Barker and S, Todd. The score may have been higher but for a 50yrd run from Imran Anwar. A Mowden forward broke through the pack and kicked the ball forward chasing it at speed, the ball was feet from the try line and the Mowden forward was about to dive onto it to score a try when I Anwar managed to get from the opposite side of the field and kick the ball out of play before the Mowden lad could touch the ball.

**Man of the Match James Screen**

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U8 & U10s  
5th Training  
12th West H/Pool - H

U11 & U12s  
5th Horden 7s

U13s  
5th Training  
12th Consett - A

U14s  
5th Training  
12th Consett - A

U16s  
5th Whitby - H  
12th Consett - H

### SENIORS

Billingham 1st  
4th Consett - H  
11th H/Pool Rovers A

Billingham 2nds  
4th Mowden Park - H  
11th H/Pool Rovers -H

Billingham 3rds  
4th Consett - A  
11th Barnard Castle H

Billingham 4ths  
11th Scarborough - A  
25th Blyndon

### Billingham Ladies

N/A

### WANDERERS

N/A

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**Billingham Ladies 56  
 Bridlington Ladies 5**

B\ham opened their season with a resounding league victory. Both sides struggled to find full teams early in the season and the game was played as an 11 a side match.

B\ham played the all round better game with both props SUE ROBINSON, and DIANE ED-DON, having a very good game to crown a hard working performance from the pack.

S, ALISON and T, BOOTH had excellent league debuts on the wings, they both nearly scored a try each. The strong running performance of new skipper WENDY MORRIS proved too much for B\ton and the skipper got 6 trys for B\ham.

NICOLA HOLROYD, aka Johnny Wilkinson converted all 8 trys and got 1 try herself.

Best try of the day by scrum half JENNY SNOWDEN, with a perfectly timed run from the half way line.

A great game to watch and credit to Bridlington who battled all the way to the end.  
 21\09\03.

TRYS WENDY MORRIS. 6  
 NICOLA HOLROYD. 1  
 JENNY SNOWDON. 1

CONS NICOLA HOLROYD 8

**Billingham 4ths  
 Middlesbrough 4ths  
 27<sup>th</sup> September**

M\boro came out of the changing rooms early and did a very impressive 30min heavy warm up, the B\ham lads looked on with interest and decided to opt for the "3mins 4ths special" warm up as used in the past to great effect. As the game progressed this proved to be the better tactic and helped B\ham to a well deserved win.

The match started well but the M\boro hooker managed to break away early in the game and score a try. B\ham now 5-0 down raised their game, but a kicked penalty for M\boro left us trailing 8-0. B\ham battled on and started to get the upper hand. With 5mins before the halftime whistle, we got a penalty, and kicked for goal. We scored, and at half time it was 8-3 to M\boro.

Minutes into the second half M\boro number 12 was sin binned for bad language to the ref. B\ham took full advantage of this to score, and converted a try to put us in the lead. S, LAING the 4ths full back showed he still has the speed of a gazelle, with a well timed 40yrd run for a try but was unlucky to be stopped just short of the line. Then another amazing run from the backs resulted in Graham (give us another try) Westall scoring his 2<sup>nd</sup> try in two games.

B\ham put on a fine display today and the whole team played well. G, Daly made his debut for the 4ths and put on a fine display. If he keeps on playing this way he will have no trouble holding down a regular place in the team. We were struggling for numbers, but managed to get through the game with only one sub needed. In the second half both teams started to tire and took full advantage of the breaks in play, to take on much needed refreshments. Unfortunately by now the 4ths resident water boy (R. Watson), was also feeling the pace of the game and tiring fast, struggled to keep up with demand for his services. In mid week training we will look into this problem, and work with Richie to improve his fitness and general all-round water boy skills. Final score 16-8 to Billingham 4ths. Alan Thompson reporting.

**SENIOR TEAM NEWS  
 Billingham 1st  
 V  
 Hartlepool Rovers 1st**

This game was always going to be tough as cup games usually are. Rovers started off the game by kicking the ball into one of our players hands, and as Rovers pack came closer he had no other option but to kick the ball into touch. As that happened Rovers number 8 came running in and did an illegal tackle, and the ref sin binned him. Rovers opened up the scoreboard with a pen followed by a try; it was coming close to the end of the first half and Billingham had not yet scored, so it was up to C. Shepherd to get the first try of the game for Billingham and C. Ker to get the conversion

Half time score 17-7 to Rovers. The game started off as it finished with Rovers staying in the lead. Rovers got 3 more trys Billingham scored one more try by D. Robinson and a conversion from C. Ker

Full time score.

**25-14 to Rovers**

**Billingham 2nds  
 V  
 Percy Park 2nds  
 20<sup>th</sup> September**

A very tight game throughout until Percy Park's outside centre charged through Billingham's backs to score.

Billingham's hooker was sin binned in this game.

Final score

**17 – 5 to Percy Park.**

**Westoe u11s**

**V**

**Billingham u11s**

**28th September**

Tight match with forwards dominating from both sides. Any bursts of open play quickly closed down by impressive tackling.

The second half was just as tight, Billingham were pinned back with some good runs out. The pressure eventually told and Westoe scored a try. Billingham responded by stepping up their efforts, but could not break through.

At the end both teams were loudly applauded by the crowd. Wayne the coach expressed his pride in the teams quality and commitment in the game. Very promising for the rest of the season.

Final score Westoe 5

Billingham 0

**Man of the match**

**Lewis Richardson.**

**Westoe u12s**

**V**

**Billingham u12s**

**28th September**

Against Westoe's first team we played well after a slow start, when Westoe scored their trys. Billingham forwards played well with the backs starting to pass the ball with good hard tackling we came back in the second half.

Final score

Westoe 35 Billingham 5

Against Westoe's second team we played more as a team and won the game in style.

Westoe 5

Billingham 20

Man of the match D Kirby then T Bence.

Trys scored by

J Armstrong 3

L Pattison 1

J Potts 1

**Billingham Wanderers**

**V**

**Darlington R.A. revs**

**13th September**

Despite taking the lead through a scrambled effort from G Bint, B\ham had a dramatic loss of form. We could not pass, tackle or complete at any level against a d\ton team looking for their first win of the season, due to this defeat we stopped at 4<sup>th</sup> place in the table

**Man of the Match.**

**Andy Robinson**

**Final score**

**3-1 to Darlington**

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**Billingham Wanderers**

**V**

**Darlington S.R.M**

**20th September**

Looking to improve on last week's performance Billingham battled hard and competed well they rode their luck at times.

Billingham went 1-0 just before half time. Two substitutions at half time improved things a little. We won a penalty in the 65-minute mark. John Cairnes in his usual bold manner scored.

Our biggest concern at the moment is we are not creating scoring chances as readily as we were, and when we do the chances are not being converted often enough, our squad is large at the moment of about 24 lads. Most are rising to the challenge but I am still looking for that 20 goal a season man that will keep us in the top 3.

**Final score 1-1**

**Man of the match**

**Paul Featonby.**

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