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BILLINGHAM U11S FALCONS TOURNAMENT

You don't have to score all the tries to be noticed, this was evident within the games as Billingham took group 2 by storm, to become group winners. Daniel Finney spinning 10 – 15 meter passes off both hands contributing to 90% of Billingham tries.

Although winning the group the semi-final proved more difficult, going down to a better side in Gosforth “A” that were to become eventual winners at the tournament. After five hard fought games a better team beat Billingham.

Tears flowed as the kids

knew how close they were to playing on the Falcons pitch at half time.

Tournament Scores

B\ham v Novo's 20 – 20
B\ham v Ponteland 25 – 15
B\ham v Gosforth “B” 25 – 15
B\ham v Morpeth 30 – 15
Semi – final
B\ham v Gosforth “A” 15 - 25

Man of the Match

Daniel Finney

Tries scored by

Lewis Richardson – 5
Stuart Adnett – 1
Joe Douthwaite – 4
Adam Cockburn – 4
David Ranson – 1
Danniel Finney – 3
Marcus Sudren – 1
W Finney Reporting

Billingham u12's Knock out tournament

Lost first game 10 – 0 robbed by referee who had an incredible likening to “Glum” out of Lord of the Rings. Gave two tries that weren't - eventually lost 15 – 10.

D\ton - 15 B\ham – 10
Trys By Patterson 2

We showed our true form and capabilities beating Westoe 20 – 0 with 4 running and passing games. The best try of the lot, a kick off caught by one the lads who ran the full length of the pitch and scored.

B\ham - 20 Westoe B – 0
Trys by Potts, Booth, Patterson, and Armstrong

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Fixtures

Minis

U9s and U10s

19 Oct.
Houghton sevens—A
26 Oct. Darlington-A

U13s

19 Oct Percy park--A
26 Oct Stockton—H

U14s

19 Oct Percy park—H
26 Oct Blydon—H

U16s

19 Oct Percy park—A
26 Oct M\boro—A

Consett U14s 5 Billingham U14s 38

It was a long and exhausting drive to Consett taking over an hour, but we finally arrived at their club with only fourteen men.

We got changed quickly looking forward to the game ahead, we were then told that we had a fifteen-minute walk to the pitch. The whistle went for the start of the game. The same as last year they looked to be big lads but have little speed. It took B\ham a while to get into the game with lots of scrappy play. But out of the blue J. Watson picked up the ball from the back of the scrum and scored the first try. P Evans failed to convert from a difficult angle.

On the kick off A Hyndman caught the ball well and managed to dodge some of their biggest players to give us our second try. P Evans failed to convert. Just before the Ref. had time to blow for half time J.Watson managed to score once again which was not converted.

We received the ball in the second half, which put Consett back under pressure. The first scrum of the second half J Watson picked up the ball and made a break for the line he scored his first hattrick (He had earned his aerial) this time converted by A Hyndman. Two more tries came from J. Watson and A. Hyndman both converted. P Evans managed to score a drop goal from the 22 to give us our final score of 41. The Ref commented that this was the first drop goal he had seen in junior Rugby.

Yet another victory for the lads!

Reporter G Sayers.

Colts

25 Oct Percy Park—H

Billingham 1st

25 Oct Percy Park—H

Billingham 2nds

18 Oct Darlington—A
25 Oct Consett—A

Billingham 3rds

18 Oct Darlington—H
25 Oct Shildon—A

Billingham 4ths

27th Oct Scarborough
Away

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Billingham u8's v W Hartlepool u8s

Two games were played both of which turned out to be exciting encounters.

Billingham 3 v West Hartlepool 3

Having conceded a couple of early tries Billingham rallied to pull back a 1 – 3 half time deficit to clinch a 3 – 3 draw.

Try scorers

Curtis Kirby (2)

Mathew Routh (1)

Billingham 3 v 2 West Hartlepool.

A lot of the new blood was thrown in to this game and one of the debutants scored his first try. Glen Richardson, Curtis Kirby and Mathew Routh all put in a stirring second half showing to claim a deserved win.

Try scorers; C, Kirby – 1

M. Routh – 1

J. Christison - 1

Billingham u9's - 50

v

West Hartlepool- 15

The boys look like carrying on where they left off last season. They have added the new skills of tackling to their lovely passing and running game.

Some excellent work between backs and forwards and a very positive attitude led to a comprehensive victory.— Trys By Craig Willis –3 Conna Leck –2 Mathew Kirby –2 Thomas Kuy –2 Johnny Bullock –1

With good support play from the rest of the boys

Billingham u16s

v

Whitby u16s

B\ham started well and at half time were 17-12 up unfortunately it all went wrong in the second half and we lost 24 –17.

Whitby had a mixed team ageing from u16s to u18s B\ham had a mix of u15s and u16s, both teams did not have a full squad due to county training that weekend so the game was played as an 11 aside match.

Try scores

L Wilson, C Barker, M Scarry, J Screen converted.

Billingham u16s

v

Consett u16s

B\ham again started well we took the lead in the first 10mins M Scarry scoring his 2nd try for the u16s and P Reay converting, but history repeated its self and we lost concentration, Consett took advantage of this and eventually won the match 21-7.

The lads are still looking for the first win of the season and with the team spirit that we have this will come, we have learned a lot from this match and we will use that in the future to our benefit.

The lads will keep there heads up and that first win of the season will happen .

SENIOR TEAM

NEWS

Billingham - 19

Hartlepool Rovers - 29

The game started off well with both teams fighting for the possession of the ball, B/ham looked like they had the game going there way until the H/pool rovers forwards over powered B/ham to get there first try. As the game went on H/pool Rovers prop went into the sin bin.

The second half kicked off as the first half ended B/ham made a sub of B. McGrath for S.Willis , B/ham made a stupid mistake and as a result B. McGrath got put Into the sin bin too. The teams cooled down after that with some outstanding trys from S. Scott and C. Shepherd

And a penalty try with 2 conversions C. Ker

Billingham 1st

Consett 1st

Consett came to this game looking for their first win of the season but there was no stopping Billingham. B\ham have won another game, so they now have won three in a row. With trys coming from P.Shepherd 2, S.Scott, J.Durnion, and C.Ker with 3 conversion and 3 penalties Final score B\ham 35-18 Consett

Billingham 2nds - 25

Mowden park - 17

B\ham knew this was going to a hard game, after a slow start the pace stepped up after 20 minutes a try by Mowden Park pushed B\ham straight up the field to score their 1st try by Mick Wilson. Another great try came from Paul Woodhouse a great kick over the top.

Mowden came back with a 2nd try. Billingham pushed hard in the second half to score another try to win the match 25 – 17.

Man of the match

Paul Woodhouse

Written by Victoria Bates

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Billingham 2nds

V

Hartlepool Rovers 2nds

Billingham seconds won this game comfortably 37 – 10. Try scorers were

Mark McQuillan, Stephen Hutchinson, Martin Ford, Craig Tennant, John Davies. Gaz Hutton converted 1.

This was another good win for the seconds who are having another good season so far, lets hope they keep it up for the rest of the season.

**BILLINGHAM
 WANDERERS**

V

**Richmond
 Mavericks**

Billingham started strongly passing will against the team 2nd in the league. Within 15 minutes Jonothan Stewart put in a great corner which Andy Moorhead leapt the highest to score a bullet header, his 1st goal for the club. After this Billingham seemed to relax and visitors took a 2-1 lead into ½ time from slack marking and a goal keeping error by stand in keeper Nicky Farrell.

As a team our weakness is goal scoring so it wasn't looking good.

The introduction of Dave Phillips up front and Gary Bint in midfield made us look more likely to score. Matty Sykes went up front with Richie Walker going out wide, which also improved things. With 15 minutes to go John Cairnes beat 3 players to toe poke the ball home from 10 yards. With only 5 minutes to go Jono Stewart ran down the right riding a few tackles getting a lucky bounce to his feet before slotting the ball home from 8 yards past the advancing keeper to take all 3 points.

Score Billingham W. 3 –2
 Richmond Mavericks.
 Scorers A. Moorehead
 J. Cairnes
 J. Stewart
 Man of the match Gary Bint.
 Forthcoming Fixtures
 18th October v Seaham Comm.
 Town (Durham Cup) 1.30 k.o.
 25th October v Dorman Ath.
 (League) 2pm. K.o.

Billingham Wanderers

V

Darlington S.R.M

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.**