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Billingham u14s— 42
Percy Park u14s 10
Match report
19th October 2003

Percy Park were one of only two sides to beat us last year. They beat us 5 – 0 in a very good even contest. We had looked forward to our chance for revenge, but expected another tough game. Percy Park had some big lads, but I was confident we could beat them with skill and hard work. We started off under pressure but a typical breakaway try from A. Hyndman got the lads confidence up. A good try came minutes later, from a very strong run by A. John-wooley, who scored between the posts, which was converted by P. Evans. This gave the lads a good start to build on and put Park under pressure. We had to work hard and defend, with Park coming close to scoring a couple of

times but some good tackling and support kept them out. We had worked on our mauls midweek and this was paying off. The lads winning every maul and playing out to the backs, this set up A. Hyndman for his second, and P. Evans who scored a good try in the corner. We didn't expect to be 22 points in front at the break, but it was deserved.

In the second half Billingham pressure brought a try from S. Bence then two tries from J. Watson, which had us 37 to nil and well on the way to our 5th win of the season. A breakaway from Park in a rare passing move, gave the visitors a deserved try and a bit of belief, and for a spell we had to defend again. Another try from S. Bence, this time from a lineout on Parks 22, should have seen the end of any resistance. But Park kept going and managed to score from a 5-metre scrum just before the

whistle. Another good team effort with good performances from all the lads, which made it difficult for the coaches to decide on a man of the match. Another very good game from M. Stringer. Some excellent tackling from D. Sayers and C. Dobson. Strong running from A. Hyndman, P. Evans, A. John-Wooley, A. Sidney and W. Jones. Great support from D. Westall, D. Dixon and M. Gibbins. Lots of hard work from the front and second rows J. Charville, R. McCabe, D. Watson and S. Bence. D. Rix made a good debut. It was decided to give it to J. Watson for another very good solid performance and his strong leadership. Hard luck to A. Hyndman, he didn't get his hat trick, so won't be taking Vicky to Club M, this week.

Man of the match
J Watson
R. Watson. reporting

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FIXTURES

Minis

2nd Nov— Training
9th Nov—Durham H
16th Nov—Training
23rd Nov—G\boro A

UI3s

2nd Nov—Ponteland A

UI4s

2nd Nov— Training
9th Nov—West H
16th Nov—Training

UI6s

2nd Nov—Ponteland A
9th Nov—Cup match
16th Nov—S\land H

SENIORS

Billingham 1st

1st Nov Ashington A
8th Nov Gateshead H
15th Nov M\boro H
22nd Nov Alnwick A

Billingham 2nds

1st Nov Blaydon H
8th Nov G\Head A

Billingham 3rds

1st Nov B\Auckland A
8th Nov G\Head H
15th Nov Stockton H

Billingham 4ths

8th Nov G\Head

Billingham Ladies

9th Nov Durham H

WANDERERS

N/A

Houghton festival u9s

On a horrible day cold windy and wet, Billingham went through to the semi finals by beating WEST 25-0 and SUNDERLAND 35-0. The semi final against Guisborough was very tight with both sides giving little away, Just before the final whistle LUKE ROOPCHAND picked up a loose ball 5m from the Guisborough try line and went over for a winning try.

In the final the boys met Ryton they went down to a try almost from the first touch of the ball Billingham showed great spirit and fought back to score an amazing try. The match was very close and Ryton won by a try late in the second half.

As usual the Billingham boys showed great sprit and team work and gave a top class performance. Final score Billingham 5 Ryton 10

B\ham 25— West 0. B\han 35— Sunderland 0. B\ham 5— Guisborough 0

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**Billingham u13s
vs
Durham u13s**

When Billingham went out to warm up the weather was warm, but as soon as the whistle went to start the match the rain came down. The game was played as a ten a side because Durham did not have enough players. 10 minutes in the game and Billingham, were in the lead with a try by Jonathon Parking, which was converted by Richie Weerdall. The match restarted with a poor kick from the opposition, Billingham took the scrum and won it, they passed it out to the right-winger Simon Finn who scored another try for Billingham which was converted by Richie Weerdall. The whistle went for the 2nd halve leaving the score to be 14-0 to Billingham.

Billingham kicked off with a good kick, Durham caught the ball and

passed it down the line it finally got to Durham's winger who sprinted down the wing and scored a try, which was well converted by J.Harding, McNigel then scored another try for Durham, which was also successfully converted by J.Harding. Billingham restarted and stole the ball of Durham Billingham made a run for it making a mall 3 meters from the try line Billingham pushed the ball over the try line James Gray from Billingham landing on top of it scoring a try; Richie failed to convert due to the tight angle. Robert from Durham took the ball from the kick off and sprinted to score a try as he put the ball down Stuart Fahey tackled him hard, J Harding converted. Stuart Fahey was trying his hardest to score a try but couldn't he had some good runs and some crucial tackles. Billingham once again stole the ball of Durham and took it into Durham's 22, Billingham kept trying to score from mauls and rooks but couldn't, Billingham were awarded a lot of penalties at this point because Durham were not going 10 meters back Finally the full time whistle had gone making the full time score 21-19 To Durham.

Ref: S.Evans.

Match reported by Dale Thompson. (Aged 12)

Billingham U18s

vs

Horden u19s

On the 25th of October B\ham U18s played the Horden U19s. The weather was rainy and cold. But the two sides still played a good game with Udale from B\ham putting in some good tackles. About 15 mins into the game oppositions A.Righen made an amazing run down the right wing, A.Righen was 2 metres from the try line when Udale sprinted and tackled him; unfortunately Righen stretched out his arm and scored the first try. During the tackle both

S.Thompson replaced Udale. Making his debut he played a good game. B\ham got the game going with a good kick from the restart, Horden got the ball and set up a few rucks and malls leading to a scrum down, B\hams had the put in, Horden won the scrum and passed it out to C.Gilmore who eventually scored another try which was not converted. A few minutes after the restart Horden's A, Hartley scored, which was converted by Coxton who failed to convert his last two attempts, leaving the half time score to be 17-0.

The rain had stopped for the 2nd half giving an advantage for B\ham to score. A couple of minutes in to the 2nd halve and Steven Rowe from B\ham scored a try, which was converted by J.Evans. Horden restarted and kept making good tackles, B\hams left-winger Jamie missed a few passes and eventually came off with a back pain after a slip trying to pick up the ball.

L Watson from Horden made use of the overlap on the left wing and sprinted down through it and scored a try, which was not converted.

The restart was taken and once again Horden took the ball and ran for the try line passing down the line until it go to the right centre, Gilmore, who ran and scored his 2nd try of the match. B\ham were now getting a bit frustrated. They tried there best to get back into the game and it started to go B\hams way K, McCabe received the ball and broke through Hordons defence to scored a try, which J.Evans failed to convert. Billingham kept on trying to increase the score but couldn't due to Hordons well organized defence.

The whistle went leaving the full time score to be 27-12 to Horden.
Reported by Dale Thompson. (Aged 12)

BILLINGHAM UNDER 10s -11s- 12s

V

DARLINGTON UNDER - 10s-11s-12s

A new u10s team had their first outing of the season, an inexperienced side came up against a big well organised team and quickly conceded two tries, just after half time D\ton scored again to make it 15-0, Although B\ham worked hard and tackled strong in the first half, it was mid way through the second half before they clicked, strong running and ferocious rucking saw **Lewis Richardson** go over the line for a superb solo effort, This was quickly followed by a 30m run from prop **David Lawson**. At 15-10 B\ham fought hard but D\tons size and experience came through and won the game

Final score Darlington 15 Billingham 10.

Man of the match **Craig Willis** and **Lewis Richardson**.

The under 11s lost 12-0 Man of the match **Stuart Adnett**

The under 12s lost 35-0 Man of the match **Lewis Patterson**

Northallerton Ladies v Billingham Ladies

19-Oct- 2003.

Despite turning up to N\ton with only 11 players, it turned out that they only had 9. To enable the league fixture to take place we had to lend them a player. **Sarah Allison** one of our wingers magnanimously offered to do so.

After a strong start playing up hill, B\ham camped on the N\ton 5m line. Tries were disallowed for both **Kirsty McGrath** and **Diane Eddon**. Eventually Captain **Wendy Morris** opened the scoring with an unconverted try.

N\ton immediately upped the pace and used one of our strengths against us; the ball was passed to **S Allison** who ran from inside the N\ton 22 round our defence to score her first try. This wasn't converted. N\ton then took the lead by giving the ball to one of their centres who ran unhindered from the halfway line to place the ball beneath the posts, this try was converted.

Some vicious fly hacking took place that ended up with two B\ham forwards on the ground and **Carolyn Grainger** (usually playing prop but today playing 2nd row) needed to leave the field for treatment until half time. Regardless of being one player short, we managed to not concede any more points until the half time whistle blew. The first half of the match saw the forwards (5 front row players as the scrum!) use their considerable strength to drive and maul the ball up the field and hindered the N\ton forwards in using the ball at all.

The 2nd half of the match was a very different game as Fly half **Nicola Holroyd** spotted a weakness in the N\ton defence: no full back, sloping pitch and the defensive line too far forwards. Kicks over the top of their team for the B\ham team to chase up. This was the strategy that got B\ham two more tries for **W Morris**, both converted by **N Holroyd**.

N\ton didn't learn from their mistakes, so almost every time B\ham got the ball and they were up close the ball was kicked over the top for B\ham to chase. Scrum half **Jenny Snowden** chased one ball only to have a try disallowed because she was judged to be in touch just short of the try line

The next phase of play saw Fly half intercept a N\ton ball, who then kicked it to be chased by **Tiegan Booth**, who touched down for her first try! Another kick from **N Holroyd** saw **W Morris** score her fourth try; **N (aka Jonny Wilkinson) Holroyd** converted this.

Some good defensive work by N\ton, but some better rucking and mauling by B\ham saw the ball passed through the hands of the backs to enable **W Morris** to score her fifth try of the match. **N Holroyd** converted this.

The last play of the game saw a chip and chase from B\ham forward who retrieved the ball from a startled N\ton back! This was formed into a good forward drive; the ball was then popped to inside centre **Kelly Horseman** who dived over the try line to score the final try of the match this wasn't converted.

Strong play from B\ham especially in the forwards who used their strength to good advantage, particularly in the scrum and line outs, interlinked with good running and ball handling skills from the backs meant that this will be a game few will forget.

The rematch at home will be one not to miss!!

BILLINGHAM 1st
V
PERCY PARK 1st

Billingham never looked back once Will Hudspith's try gave them an early lead, and ran out 44-27 winners. Adam Golightly stretched the lead with a try, which Chris Ker converted.

With the wind at their backs Bilingham were looking rampant. But Percy Park responded with a converted try which made it clear that Bilingham had a fight on their hands. Johnny Durnion's try stretched Bilingham's lead, but again there was no time to relax as the visitors registered their second touch down.

C, Golightly scored his second try to again give the home side breathing space, especially when Ker converted with an excellent kick from almost on the touchline.

A Percy Park penalty and Danny Robinson try for Bilingham completed a lively first half. Ryton scored a try early in the second half, but Craig Shepherd replied, shortly before Paul Shepherd went over to put Bilingham out of reach, though Percy Park did score the game's final try. After seeing off Percy Park in a high scoring game, Bilingham moved into second place in Durham and Northumberland One league



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