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DARLINGTON u8s
v
BILLINGHAM u8s

A stomach bug almost caused the game to be cancelled as B\ham just about managed to field 7 players after some frantic phone calls in the car park, thank goodness the match did finally take place as the spectators were in for a real treat.

This despite the fact the ref who resembled Victor Mildew both in appearance and demeanour wound a member of our coaching staff up.

Trailing 3-2 at half time B\ham rallied. A dainty move from J Armstrong levelled the score, M Routh ran the full length of the pitch and was tackled just short of the try line, however he somehow managed to flick the ball up for Curtis Kirby to grab in flight and dive over the try line. The way things were going an extra few minutes would surely have resulted in victory, instead the lads had to settle for a draw.

D\ton—5 B\ham --5

In the second game B\ham took on Darlington's

younger players we won 10-1 this was an easy victory for B\ham (a walk in the park)

Paul Kirby u8s manager reporting

Billingham Under 14s

2nd Nov 2003

Ponteland 10

v

Billingham 25

In perfect conditions, B\ham won the toss and opted to play with the sun behind them in the first half. Ponte started off strongly, and it was a defensive kick by A. Hyndman that brought the first opening. The ball was picked up by P. McCarthy, who ran from the halfway line to score in the corner, (no con). B\ham's second try was also from a defensive kick, this time chased down by B. Laing to score (no con). Ponte replied with a good try (no con) after a long spell of pressure and excellent defence from B\ham.

Just before halftime B\ham won a scrum just inside Ponte half, and passed the ball well along the line to A. John-Wooley on the wing, who scored, in the best move of the match (no

con).

The 2nd half started with B\ham doing all the attacking. This brought a first try for M. Gibbings, picking up a loose ball on the 5 metre line and driving for the corner, (no con). B\ham's final try came from a pass intercepted by A. Hyndman who ran from his own 22 to Ponte 22 before being tackled, and passing to P. Evans to score, (no con). Ponte 2nd try was also from an intercepted pass, the lad caught it well and ran from half way to score between the posts, (no con).

This was a hard game with the forwards having to work hard against a bigger Ponte pack. Another good performance from Cpt J. Watson who led by example playing No8. Excellent tackling, from D.Sayers in particular, kept their backs under control. Man of the Match goes to M. Gibbings for a good solid performance, making a couple of runs, and getting his first try.
Reporting R Watson

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FIXTURES

Minis

16th No Training
23rd Nov G\boro A
30th Nov M\bro H

U13s

16th Nov Stockton H 12ko
23rd Nov Nth Shields A
30th Nov Whitly Bay H

U14s

16th Nov Whitby A 12.30 ko
23rd Nov Redcar H
30th Nov D\ton A cup

U16s

16th Nov S\land H 12 ko
23rd Nov Training
30th Nov West A cup

SENIORS

Billingham 1st

15th Nov M\boro H
22nd Nov Alnwick A
29th Nov Houghton A

Billingham 2nds

15th Nov Stockton A
22nd Nov M\Boro H
29th Nov Ryton A

Billingham 3rds

15th Nov Stockton H
22nd Nov Yarm A
29th Nov Shildon H

Billingham 4ths

Billingham Ladies

WANDERERS

15th Nov Chester le St
H 1.30 ko
22nd Nov – G-Boro Town
RES (away)

Billingham u11s 7 v Durham 0

09 – 11 – 03

A very hard fought tight game, but one Billingham deservedly won. Billingham's half backs Marcus Sudren and Daniel Finney distributing as well as making yards with brilliant recycling, 0 – 0 half time.

Second half Billingham pinned Durham in their own half and debutant K Omar making good yards with a drive recycling for Robby Lavender to pick up and score with ten yards to go. Well done everyone involved a full team effort from 1 – 15.

m.o.m. Marcus Sudren, Joe Douthwaite. Alan Sedgwick. W Finney Reporting

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Billingham u8s 4\3

**v
Durham 4\3
09 - 11 - 03**

Billingham threw away first half leads in both their games in a tightly fought encounter. Joseph Armstrong stole the show in the first game running in two darting tries and demonstrating excellent wing play. Curtis Kirby (1) and Ryan Branley (1) also contributed. In the second game Billingham gained a slender 1 - 0 half time lead as Curtis Kirby latched on to a loose ball and forced their way through a ruck of players to score. Mathew Routh showed strength and determination to run in two-second half tries.

Billingham u12s 35

**v
Durham City 19
09 - 11 - 03**

Billingham "Lions" took a good training session onto the field to gain their first win of the season. The opening try came from right-winger Mark McCarthy who picked up a loose ball and ran 30 yards for a touchdown. The second try came

from a period of sustained Billingham pressure, which eventually paid off with lock Daniel Kirby, falling over the line for a well deserved try, two superb running tries were scored by Kieran Booth at outside centre. All tries converted by Jordan Potts (half time Bill 28 - 0). Durham came fighting back in the second half; their powerful pack scored 3 quick tries converting 2. Billingham killed the game off with a good running display finished off by hat trick hero Kieran Booth, converted by Jordan Potts final score 35 - 19.

m.o.m. Kieran Booth.

Billingham u9s 30

**v
Durham 5
09 - 11 - 03**

Billingham began to put together some good moves halfway through the first half, Durham took the lead and Billingham replied immediately with a crash and drive from the lineout. Billingham tackled well and won the ball often. Tries came from Craig Willis x 4 and Mathew Kirby x 2. Good strong running was evident throughout and all the boys supported well.

Billingham u10s 9

**v
Durham City u10s 0
9 - 11 - 03**

A fantastic performance in only the second game they have played. The first half dominated by Billingham with 3 tries each for Craig Willis. and Marcus Sudron. Equally impressive was the handling and tackling which forced Durham deep into their own half for much of the period. Durham brought on their "big guns" in the second half and although a tighter game Billingham still held the upper hand with 2 more tries by Craig W. and 1 by Lewis. What caught the eye was the committed tackling and play by some of the quieter members of the team, emphasising the all round display. Coaches Sean Willis, Wayne Finney rightly proud. m.o.m.

PONTELAND u16s

**v
BILLINGHAM u16s**

All this season the team has struggled for numbers we are currently a mixed team of u15s and u16s and still we are not getting a full squad, for this match we had 2 playing for the county, 2 away with the cadets 2 ill with the flu and 2 who just did not turn up this left a team of 9 we borrowed 2 of the u17s to give us 11 to go to Ponteland with.

We have lost players to the county for the last 4 weeks and we will lose them to the county for 3 weeks out of the next 4 this has had an effect on the team and we are struggling at the moment, we need more lads who are in our age group to come along and join the team, if any one is interested in playing for us or knows someone who would be! then come along on Wednesdays or Sunday and meet the team,

For the game to go a head we borrowed 4 of Ponte lads, S Thompson was captain and put in a very good all-round performance getting man of the match, in the first half B\ham were on the defence most of the time the forwards working hard but let down by the backs who did not want to make any tackles when Pont broke through, understandably the main culprits where the Ponte lads but 1 or 2 of the B\ham lads also held back.

The coach, manager and parents tried to motive the team through out the game but the lads struggled in the first half.

In the second half B\ham re-grouped and also got 4 different Ponte lads who tried a lot harder and helped the team a lot more, we were on the attack most of this half with S Thompson unlucky to have crossed the try line to score but it was held up by Ponte. M Massey did crash through Pontes defence to score a deserved try late on in the second half this was not converted.

Final score 27- 5 to Ponteland

Man of the match S Thompson

Billingham 1st v Ashington 1st

Billingham had only one change in the team today as J. Monlador was out with a throat infection so T. Jinks came for him.

The game started off well with some good tackles coming in from both teams. Ashington got the first try within the first 10 minutes from a lineout, which was driven over but not converted minutes later, after a lot of phase play the ball fell into the captain C. Kerr hands and went over for the first try for Bilingham which he converted Half time score 15-7 To Ashington

The second half was all Bilingham in defence as Ashington put on a non-stop attack. Come to the last few minutes of the game C. Shepherd court the ball on the 10 meter line and would not stop until he got past the line this was not converted. Full time score 30-17 To Ashington

Scott Thompson Reporting

Billingham 1st v Gateshead 1st

Billingham came out of the changing room looking in top form and that showed as they won this game 48-22 with 5 trys coming from A. Golightly and 2 trys from M. Kerr and one try from C. Shepherd C. Kerr getting 4 conversion. Full time score 48-22 To Bilingham

Scott Thompson Reporting

Billingham 2nds- 0 v Blaydon 2nds -69

Billingham came out hoping for a win, but it seemed they just were not up to tackling big lads.

Last year B\ham beat B\don in the cup, but this year B\don's side had toughened. The whistle went to start the match and both sides were determined to score the first try, because of B\don's dirty play B\ham were awarded a penalty that they decided to kick at goal for 3 points, unfortunately Woodhouse missed the kick and lost the 3 points.

Blaydon decided it was time to score a try, and they succeeded, Andrew from B\don burst through B\hams defence and scored a try which was unconverted, making the score 5-0 to B\don, then from no where Jerry from Blaydon scored again, which was converted by Hogalf, 3 more trys were scored by Blaydon, which were all converted successfully; the half time whistle went making the half time score 38-0.

The whistle went for the start of the 2nd half with Blaydon scoring yet another 2 trys which were both successfully converted, then Hogalf from Blaydon scored a drop goal giving Blaydon another 3 points then another 3 trys for Blaydon which 2 were converted made the final score 69-0.

Dale Thompson Reporting

Bishop Auckland 3rds v Bilingham 3rds

The Bilingham Forwards give a good strong game, but where playing against 16 men in the end Bilingham lost 21—12, try scores Coggy and R, Foster Man of the Match (ding dong) Steve Rowe.

Billingham 3rds v Gateshead 3rds

It was a pretty cold day to play but it didn't stop Bilingham from winning, Gateshead kicked of and made a few malls but Bilingham eventually pulled them selves together with Maco scoring an unconverted try. A few minutes had gone when Anderson from Gateshead scored a try, which was successfully converted making the score 7-5 to Gateshead, Maco scored his 2nd try of the game which was not converted, M.Foster slipped in another try to add to the score but not converted. A couple of minutes before half time and Gateshead were awarded a penalty, which they scored giving three more points to the scoreboard. The half time whistle was blown leaving the half time score 15-10.

Billingham kicked of for the 2nd half and give away a penalty a few minutes later; Gateshead failed to score the penalty, After the penalty both team's started got physical with a lot of fights going on, The fights resulted in 2 players sin binned, 1 from Bilingham and the other from Gateshead, The fighting continued as a result the match was called off by the ref.

Full time score: 15-10 to Bilingham.

Dale Thompson Reporting

Billingham Wanderers 3 v The Dorman's 4

Sat 25th October

Billingham kicked off against top of the league Dorman's and were on top for the early part of the game after 15mins a Dorman's player crossed from the left, the cross-cleared everyone in the box including our keeper to settle in the top corner. Billingham got it back to 1 – 1 when the Dorman's keeper failed to hold onto a corner and Andy Moorhead slotted the ball home.

Billingham then stepped to 3 – 1 down before John Cairnes scored a penalty to make it 3 – 2 with 6 minutes to go Cairnes scored again beating 3 defenders before unleashing a great shot into the bottom left corner of the goal. Billingham failed to kill the game off and with 2 minutes remaining a cross from the left was brought under control by Dorman's centre forward who crashed in the winning goal with a wicked deflection off Paul Featonby Billingham mom, Andy Robinson.

Whinny Banks 3 – Billingham 2

Sat 1st November

Billingham suffered the same fate as last week losing the game in the last 2 minutes fitness; attitude and concentration have to come under question. Whinny Banks took a 1 – 0 lead after 20 mins which remained the score till half time.

After half time Billingham then took a 2 – 1 lead, their first goal was a headed own goal there second goal was a left footed effort by Lee Mitchell. Whinny Banks got it back to 2 – 2 with 5 minutes left, then with 1 minute remaining they snatched the win. On the day Billingham played poorly, passing badly not keeping possession with poor movement and commitment. This result really does away with any hope of promotion it's now a question of keeping everybody playing and beating the targets set last season.

Forthcoming fixtures.

08th Nov – N Ormsby (away)

15th Nov – Chester le Street (home 1.30 kick off)

22nd Nov – G-Boro Town Res (away)

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