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**Billingham**  
**u 12s --28**  
**V**  
**Middlesbrough**  
**u12s--7**

A good solid contest in the first half unfortunately played on a slippery muddy pitch. Both teams played tight rugby, Billingham scored first through Josh Armstrong, converted by Jordan Potts. Middlesbrough equalised soon after, a good attacking move saw the ball move through quick hands with James Hadlett scoring in the corner, converted by Potts. The second half saw a tighter game with good rucking and 10-man rugby suitable for the conditions, Josh Armstrong finished off a good move with a try, converted by Potts. Josh Armstrong completed his hat trick with a good solid training ground move. A clean line out was caught and was driven forward by

the tight five more than 10 metres, with Potts at scrum half he peeled off to Sidney who popped to fly half Armstrong who ran 10 metres to touch line.

**14<sup>TH</sup> Dec 2003**

**Westoe U14s 10**  
**V**  
**Billingham U14s 47**

After travelling for over an hour to Westoe the lads were looking forward to the game ahead. We got changed quickly ready for the game, then we were told that we had a 10 minute walk to the pitch. It took us a while to get into the game, but out of the blue the first try came from Outside Centre D. Sayers running around the outside of there defence. Converted by J. Charville. Quickly after the restart S. Bence replied for B\ham running through the defence and scoring under the posts,

also converted by J. Charville. B\ham pushed forward and gained a scrum in there 22. Scrum half C. Dobson picked up and ran for the line scoring our 3<sup>rd</sup> for the half.

Just before the whistle Westoe managed to score a try under the post but did not manage to convert. Minutes into the second half Dobson scored his second and our fourth try of the match. Westoe replied and scored another but could not convert it. J. Charville scored his first try for B\ham. Well done Jamsy. Before the ref had time to blow the whistle Dobo scored his hat trick And A.Hyndman scored by running through their defence.

A Good Team  
Performance Again!  
Man Of The Match  
A. Hyndman  
(For his handling)

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**FIXTURES**

**Minis**

18th Jan—Training  
25th Jan—West A

**U13s**

18th Jan—Stockton A  
25th Jan—Mowden Pk A

**U14s**

18th Jan—Percy Pk A  
25th Jan—Mowden Pk A

**U16s**

18th Jan—Mowden Pk H 25th  
Jan—M\boro H

**Colts**

17th Jan—Ryton H  
24th Jan—Percy Pk A  
31st Jan—Rovers A

**SENIORS**

**Billingham 1st**

24th Jan—Percy Pk A  
31st Jan—Rovers H

**Billingham 2nds**

17th Jan—D\ton H  
24th Jan—Mowden A  
31st Jan—Rovers A

**Billingham 3rds**

17th Jan—Redcar H  
24th Jan—B Castle A  
31st Jan—West A

**Billingham 4ths**

No fixtures

**Billingham Ladies**

18th Jan Upper Eden H  
25th Jan Bridlington A

**WANDERERS**

N/A

**Darlington (Mowden Park) 4**

**V**

**Billingham under 8's 4**

This was a see-saw encounter in which neither team ever led by more than one try. The pitch was widened prior to kick off and this gave rise some flowing rugby which was a joy to watch from the sidelines. For tag rugby this was quite a physical encounter and I'm pleased to say Billingham more than held their own in this regard. A draw was a fair result and I am sure the lads will have learnt a lot from this fixture.

**Try scorers M. Routh (2), S. Lavender (1), C. (1)**

**Darlington 2 v Billingham 3**

Another tough encounter was settled in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half when Billingham took a 1 – 3 lead and despite a late consolation the win was ours Well done!

**Try scorers M. Routh (1), G Richardson (1), S Lavender (1).**

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**BILLINGHAM U 11s**

**V  
WESTOE U 11s**

After losing a vary tight first game of the season 5 - 0 away to Westoe, confidence was high after winning our last 4 games. After conceding a very early try Billingham u11's re-grouped and took the game back to Westoe through quality forward play, scoring almost immediately through Adam Cockburn and the extra two points from Daniel Finney. Half time 7 - 7.

The second half began as the first ended, with Billingham firmly in control and camped out in the Westoe half. After a good break Daniel Finney set Joe Douthwaite away for what would be the winning score, Daniel Finney converting. Westoe threatened briefly with Billingham defending their try line and Adam Cockburn eventually punting clear.

Full time 14 - 7.

Joss Havakin and Niall Coates deserve a special mention for playing out of position and doing excellent jobs.

**Men of the Match-  
Joe Douthwaite  
and**

**Daniel Finney.**

REPORTING  
W FINNEY

**Houghton 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**V**  
**Billingham 1<sup>st</sup>**

Today was not Billingham's day to shine, it was hard to watch this game, as Billingham should have come out the winning team. Houghton have only won one game this season, which is pretty poor from a team that looks to have a lot of potential and some good players.

With a scoreless first half both teams were looking to put some points onto the scoreboard. It was late in the second half where Houghton got a try that was converted. Minutes later in Billingham's willingness and aeration C. Shepherd, which was converted by C. Kerr. Despite how hard Billingham tried they could not break through Houghton's defence. With only seconds to go Houghton got a penalty. Billingham played well today and could have come out the winning team if they only moved the ball a lot faster along the line.

Full time score  
Houghton 10  
Billingham 7

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## **WANTED**

### **MATCH REPORTS AND NEWS ITEMS FOR THE LION**

If you have anything that you would like putting in the Lion contact Alan Thompson Tel 862176 or email me at [norma.thompson@ntlworld.com](mailto:norma.thompson@ntlworld.com) I need match reports and news items to put in the news letter.

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### **PLAYER PROFILE**

**Name:** Scott Thompson

**Age:** 15yrs

**Position:** Second Row

**School:** Campus

**Best Rugby Moment:** Beating Stockton

**Worst Rugby Moment:** losing To Stockton in the Durham Cup

**Most Admired Player:** Hugh Vyvyan

**Favourite Woman:** His mum

**Favourite Book:** Martin Johnson Autobiography

**Favourite Film:** Rocky

**Favourite Food:** Sues Baguettes & Hot dogs



## West Hartlepool 5

### v Billingham 41

Lack of changing facilities led to some confusion before we even managed to get kicked off. Footballers hogging the changing rooms meant we had to get changed in the clubhouse, sharing a room with the U13's. It was a very cold day, and the lads were happy when we finally got started. We were all happier still after 2 mins when P Evans chased his own kick forward, to score our first try, which J Charville converted. Five minutes later D Sayers received the ball out on the wing to get our second try, which was again, expertly converted by J Charville from a difficult angle. After more pressure from B\ham, J Watson broke through to score, followed shortly after by a try from S Bence who ran strongly from halfway to plant the ball between the posts.

B\ham's forwards were running the game, and strong tackling from the backs stopped West in their tracks every time.

In the second half A Hyndman scored a try between the posts, converted by J Charville again. This was followed by a try from N Hird and another from J Watson. We had 6 replacements so D Sidney had his hands full sorting out the team, swapping lads on and off, and also being Tee Boy. Tactics worked well, ensuring the less experienced members of the team were not all on together, this being our downfall in the past.

Despite the freezing cold wind, the lads thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Back to their best, and working hard together to destroy any West resistance.

The ref ensured West got a consolation try, giving penalty after penalty in the dying minutes until we were defending our own try line.

Unfortunately no hot shower after the game, but burger and chips was gratefully received.

The forwards had one of their best games this season, and the backs were also exceptional, running strongly and tackling like Tigers. Once again a difficult decision, but B Laing was excellent at full back, so he gets this weeks Man of the Match Mars Bar.

Billingham Under 14's Match Report 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2004

Richie Watson. Reporting

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