



BILLINGHAM RUGBY CLUB
NEWS LETTER

“THE LION”



West Hartlepool u10s

**v
Billingham u10s**

(2004 CUP WINNERS)
Billingham were hoping to get back to winning ways after the squad, depleted by injuries and holidays lost to Guisborough 15-0 and struggled to beat Barnard Castle 15-5 in their last triangle match. With almost a full squad to choose from including our first choice front row we fancied our chances against West. The game was played over four quarters and opened very evenly until Craig Willis broke away from a ruck to open the scoring, after this B\ham never looked in any danger of losing the game. Further tries by scrum half Craig Willis, winger Ben Gornall and hooker

Thomas Kuy made the score at the end of the first quarter West 0 B\ham 20. The second period followed the same pattern as the first with our slick passing and fast attacking coupled with aggressive forward play and hard tackling wearing down a much bigger but less mobile West team. B\ham added a further three tries to West's one before Half time, with another from Craig Willis and a brace from Oliver McPhail.

Half time West 5 B\ham 35

The second half began with the boys taking complete control and scoring almost straight away when prop Rory went through the line out on West's throw on their own line and touched down the loose ball. Billingham then scored a further four unanswered tries in the third quarter with three more from Craig Willis and one from

Connor Leck. The last quarter saw the boys produce some of their best rugby so far this season scoring seven more tries and conceding two.

**F/T West 15 B\ham 95
Scorers C Willis 9, M Kirby 3, O McPhail 2, B Gornall 1, T Kuy 1, Rory 1, C Leck 1, J Dixon 1.**

Well done lads for recording your biggest win ever, a great team performance from everyone on the team, which is shown by the fact we had eight different scorers from a twelve-man squad. Sean the coach asked me to put in a special mention for hooker and pack leader Thomas Kuy who was sorely missed in the defeat at Guisborough. Keep up the good work lads. I KUY Reporting

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Billingham U-17's v Redcar U-17's

Billingham turned out with only 11 players but thanks to Redcar lending us 3 players we started the game only one player light. The game started off at a cracking pace and found us behind by five points due to a quick try by a very big number 8. Billingham had been caught asleep but soon recovered putting in a very good display from all the team, including the Redcar lads. After some good build up play by Billingham, Chris Farrell scored a fine try converted by Chris Barker. Mid way through the first half Billingham went down to 13 men when Dave Kirkland injured his ankle and had to come off. But with great determination they fought on and scored another try by Darren Howard which left them 12 -5 up at half time.

The second half saw the two man advantage start to show and Redcar pulled it back to 12-10 shortly after the restart. But Billingham held out for most of the second half with some strong defence, even putting on some good attacking moves. But just as the game was coming to an end Redcar had one more attack and scored an unconverted try leaving the score 12-15 to Redcar. With the last move of the game Billingham were given a penalty on the opposition 10 metre line directly in front of the posts, Chris Barker came up and slotted his kick over with ease making the score a creditable 15-15. An excellent display from all the team. Alan Reay reporting

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Billingham u15s 17

v

Westoe u15s 0

Today we were at home, and looking to impress the dozens of families and friends who had turned up to support us. All keen to watch the awesome team, that had gone five games without defeat and had not conceded a point. We were expecting a tough battle. Westoe had nearly beaten us at home last season, and we knew several of their players from the County trials. It was an uncomfortable start for Billingham, we were under pressure and took some time to settle into the game. After 15 minutes though the deadlock was broken. Peter Evans chipped the ball over the top into the corner, for Anth Hyndman to run onto and get our first try. Evans failed to convert. Half time and 5 points to nil. In the second half we tried to get the ball out to the backs more, to put together some moves and break down a very good Westoe defence. We had them under pressure on their 22 and they gave away a penalty. Peter Evans took it quickly and ran it in to their pack, when he was tackled he flicked it up to James Watson who was supporting. Watson drove through to cross the line with four Westoe players failing to bring him down. With more points on the scoreboard Billingham grew in confidence. We won a scrum in their half and scrum half Chris Dobson picked up the ball and ran like a man possessed, jinking and turning he broke through their line to score a superb individual try. This was converted by Peter Evans. With 10 minutes to go Westoe threw everything they had at us. They were unbeaten this season, and did not want to go down without scoring. They were well aware of our record this season and tried to spoil it with a cheeky drop goal attempt, which was very close. This was a very tough, bruising encounter. Everyone played their part in defence with some very tough tackling, notably from James Watson who had an outstanding game at No8, first into the tackle from every penalty move. Another great team performance, with Anth Hyndman and Peter Evans being exceptional in the middle of the backs. When the whistle finally went we were all very relieved. Another victory without conceding. For this weeks Man of the Match award we asked Westoe's coaches to decide. They picked Chris Dobson who had a very good game today and he scored that brilliant solo try. Well done to all the team, from a very proud group of parents, coaches and supporters who enjoyed the game.

R Watson Reporting
6 hours of rugby, 283 points scored, and still none conceded.

Horden U15s 0
V
Billingham U15s 36

The lads do it again. seven games, seven wins 320 scored and still none conceded. Unfortunately I missed the game because I was being fed and watered at The Riverside Stadium.

Today's report comes from Natalie Sidney a 16 year old student and big U15s fan.

Richie Watson

Another good win for Billingham, however they are still to hit top gear. Horden were a strong side, and Billingham gave them the respect they deserved, however a trademark try from Danny Sayers, after a good pass from Anth Hyndman the result was never in doubt. Phil McCarthy scored the second showing the sort of speed that would make Enzo Ferrari sit up and take notice. With Peter Evans converting that left the half time score 17 - 0. In the second half Billingham decided to turn on the pressure with two trys from Phil McCarthy, one from Anth Hyndman and Nick Hird. Horden defended well and made some good attacking moves Andrew Sidney u15s captain held Billingham together and lead the team brilliantly through out the game . Billingham stood firm as a team and refused to take a step backwards. Horden known as the Terriers could not make a dent in Billingham's defense and once again kept a clean sheet .

Man of the match was Phil McCarthy, Merlin the magic ian with afterburners.

The score now stands at 320 points scored and 0 conceded, this is brilliant keep it up lads.

Natalie Sidney. Reporting

Billingham U-17's
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Sunderland U-17's

Billingham travelled to Sunderland with a full strength side for the first time this season, but found S\land just a little bit stronger in the forwards. Although B\ham took the ball forward to gain good yards they failed to spread the ball wide at the right time. S\land turned over our rucks at the crucial moment and counter attacked to give them a 5-0 lead at half time.

The game was very fast and took its toll on everyone including the ref who had to be substituted after pulling his calf muscle. The S\land coach refereed the remainder of the match.

B\ham forwards took the ball on at S\land for most of the second half but still failed to give the game more width. In the end S\land scored two more tries and converted one.

Giving a final score of

Sunderland 17 Billingham 0.

Alan Reay Reporting

KILL KILLS OFF DARLO

Billingham u12's

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Darlington u12's

After beating Mowden Park 14 – 5 and county champions Guisborough 21 – 0 Billingham faced Old foe's Darlington who had been unbeaten for the last three years in the Durham region.

Coach Wayne Finney had prepared the lads well in training for this game and the u12's were ready for one of the biggest game of the season. The weather was good and the pitch was in perfect condition. Billingham had 18 lads to choose from including debutant Jake Day.

From the off Billingham put Darlington under pressure, good play from the forwards pinned Darlington in there half. Eventually Billingham got the ball out and along the back line to new lad this season Tom Kill, who is proving to be a very good and fast winger. On getting the ball he shoulder barged through two big Darlington forwards to score the first try of the game. Unusually for Danny Finney he did not convert from this difficult angle, but later on in the game he more than made up for this miss with some brilliant kicking and attacking play when Billingham needed him most. Darlington immediately replied with a try, which was converted.

This match was to be played in three twenty-minute sessions in order to give all the lads a game. Billingham kept Darlington in there half for the rest of the first period with an excellent display of attacking rugby. Darrell Thompson who recently switched from the backs to the forwards was having an excellent game playing in second row. The score remained the same for the rest of this period.

Billingham 5 – Darlington 7

Coach Wayne Finney give the lads a team talk and readied them for the second period.

From the off Billingham had Darlington on the back foot, in order to give all the lads a game five new players were brought on Conner Shay, Josh Haverkin, Andrew Thompson, Tom Morriainty, Jake Day and Jason Moffet, we broke through Darlington's defence. This changed the game straight away, Jake Day and Tom Kill scored a try each in quick concession this was Jake Day's first appearance for Billingham. Star kicker Danny Finney brilliantly converted both of these try's. Darlington went on the attack but Billingham defended there half until the end of the second period.

Billingham 19 – Darlington 7

Billingham were now domineering the game and scored two more try's one from Tom Kill getting his hat trick and one from Jake Day. Kicking sensation Danny Finney converted both of these. Louis Richards came on in this period and had an excellent game showing he has not lost his touch since breaking his wrist. All the lads had a very good game and did well to keep Darlington at bay. Steve Adnett did well in the last two minutes to save Billingham by kicking the ball off the line.

In all, all the lads dug deep and showed their spirit by winning this game. Man of the match Tom Kill for getting his first hat trick and scoring 13 try's in his first season playing for Billingham.

Final score

Billingham 33 – Darlington 26

Could all the u12's be at the rugby club 9o'clock Sunday morning to receive their new 1st team replica shirts sponsored by Paul Douthwaite of [MAP HARDWOODS](#) and have there photo's taken. The Under 12s are also away to Blaydon

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