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**Billingham U15s**  
**Match Report 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**November 2004**

**Mowden Park 12**

**v**

**Billingham 26**

**Durham County**  
**Cup**

It was a bright fresh winters morning, perfect conditions for rugby. We were playing on Mowden Park's first team pitch, avoiding the usual walk to the school.

The game started at a quick pace, everyone seemed up for it today, maybe because it was the first round of the County Cup.

Billingham had the better of the early play, we kept the pressure on winning successive penalties and getting a 5 metre scrum after 6 minutes. Anth Hyndman receiving the ball from the scrum to run through and score near the posts.

This was converted by

Peter Evans.

After 14 minutes Anth Hyndman kicked for touch from a penalty to give us a 5 metre lineout. We won the lineout and a well practiced switch to Anth Hyndman he ran through to get his second. This again was converted well by Peter Evans. Billingham though did not have it all their own way. This seemed a different side from the one we had easily beaten a few weeks earlier. Good defending and some brilliant tackling from Danny Sayers kept them out till the 29<sup>th</sup> minute.

A good try from Mowden from a breakaway, gave an opposition team the first points against us for 7 ½ hours. Which was converted. Half time and we led 14 to 7. The try from Mowden seemed to give them encouragement and it was a very close game with both sides attacking and defending well.

Fifteen minutes into the half we got the break we needed, the ball passed out along the line to Phil McCarthy on the wing who is uncatchable, and

he scored near the corner.

Mowden kept on going and scored an unconverted try with five minutes to go. We kept the pressure on and won a five metre scrum in front of the posts in the last minute.

It was another trademark No8 pick up and go from James Watson who powered across the line to score. Peter Evans converted easily and that was the last kick of the match.

A great team effort from all involved. Not the best performance but still a good win over an improved Mowden Park.

**Man of the match** this week for his excellent tackling which stopped certain tries, goes to

Danny Sayers.  
Well done lads.

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**BLAYDON u9s  
V  
BILLINGHAM u9s**

Billingham made the long journey to Blaydon to take part in a round robin tournament against Blaydon and Middlesbrough  
Billingham took on Blaydon in the first game  
Early strong tackling from Luke Wilson ,Matty Routh and Jonny Remus, gave Billingham the platform to score 3 early tries, further excellent support play from the Billingham pack kept Blaydon on the back foot in the second half  
Billingham continued to dominate the game , rucking and mauling Blaydon in a superb team effort, further tries were added to a superb team performance  
Final score

**Blaydon 0 Billingham 35**

In the next game Billingham took on Middlesbrough and again had the advantage by taking the game to Middlesbrough, more strong tackling produced 2 early tries.

In the second half a hard physical contest developed with Billingham having the edge with a superb show of disciplined rugby. more tries followed to end any hopes the Middlesbrough boys had in stopping Billingham.

A special mention for 2 new green and whites Josh and Aaron Naqti who both performed well and bonded superbly with the rest of the boys. Final score

**Billingham 25 Middlesbrough 5**

Report by Paul Routh Billingham under 9 coach

***Billingham 2nd team 59 V Guisborough 0***

Saturday saw the welcome return of some old faces. With Willis, Hurst and Gowan all returning to the seconds it was a formidable team. The game plan was simple but devastatingly effective, let our powerful forwards knock them back and give the backs a free hand. It's great when it is perfectly executed as it was in front of a crowd of around thirty spectators.

After five minutes of pressure Willis picked up at the base of the scrum, popped up to Burnett who went over under the posts, an easy kick for in form Gowan.

Gowan was involved in the second with a dazzling run passing to new boy Barnsley who jinked his way to the line before a crunching tackle threatened to stop the move. Suburb backing up gave Jason the outlet and Stewart went over.

Billingham pressed hard and a scrum ten metres out led to the kick from Guisborough fly half being charged down by Woodhouse who chased over to touch down. Another scrum another Willis pop up and another try, this time it was Gowan who converted again. HALF TIME 28—0

Following a passage of play Hurst, who had been running through people all game drew three defenders and set Burnett away for his second. Xavier was pulled off following a cut to his nose and replaced by Parsons. Stewart was gifted a second after Scott, Youdale and Brown all of who had featured in most of the forward play combined to help Conlon drive over the ball allowing Willis to pick up and pass. Seaman replaced Stewart, Duncan replaced Scott and Coggy replaced Lumley who had spent most of the game negating Guisboroughs most dangerous player with some ferocious tackles. Hurst featured again showing great hand skills for a big man setting Burnett away for his third.

Gowan topped off a fine personal performance and an excellent team game with his second of the day, converting the kick.

Another great team performance

Try Scorers Burnett 3; Gowan 2; Stewart 2; Barnsley 1; Woodhouse 1  
Conversions Gowan 7

**Full time**

**Billingham 2nd Team 59 V Guisborough 0**

## **Billingham u10 at Blaydon with Middlesbrough**

### **2004 CUP WINNERS**

The boys went into this triangular match hoping to build on last week's demolition of West Hartlepool and keep their good run going. First up were Middlesbrough, the game began even in the early exchanges with neither team making much headway until Billingham broke away from the melee in the middle and almost scored in the corner through winger Ben Gornall who was forced into touch. After this Middlesbrough found it difficult to clear their lines as Billingham laid siege to their line with some relentless attacking play from both forwards and backs. Only good defensive work kept Billingham out but something had to give eventually and after some good rucking on the try line hooker Thomas Kuy opened the scoring by forcing his way over despite the best efforts of several defenders. After this Billingham were on the up and on the attack again. After several attempts were thwarted by good defending, scrum half Craig Willis broke away from his tackler to score in the corner.

### **Half Time Billingham 10 Middlesbrough 0**

The second half followed the same pattern as the first with Billingham on the offensive and camped out on the opponents line for most of the game, but good defence, some bad decision making, and poor handling meant that the score stayed the same until prop Cameron Thornton took a loose ball from the floor and dived in low through a couple of defenders to score his first try for the club. The game was now over as a contest but we were unable to add to our score.

### **Full Time Billingham 15 Middlesbrough 0 Scorers T Kuy, C Willis, C Thornton.**

In the second game we played Blaydon a team we have never played before.

The game again started evenly with both teams sussing one another out and looked like turning into a physical battle, which would suit a bigger Blaydon. But Billingham eventually got their quick backs into the game and should have took the lead when good handling sent Oliver McPhail away to out strip the defence but he touched down the wrong side of the line. Craig Willis following up like a good scrum half picked the ball up and crossed the line but was held up by some good defending. Blaydon then went on the attack but Billingham were first to the breakdown and got quick ball out to winger Ben Gornall who ran almost the length of the pitch to score, leaving several defenders in his wake. Billingham then went further ahead after being camped on their opponents line for several minutes; Matthew Kirby broke away to score.

### **Half Time Billingham 10 Blaydon 0**

The second half began with Blaydon laying siege to our line and only some resolute defending by the whole team kept them at bay. The pattern changed after Billingham held them up over the line and then went on the attack after winning a scrum five against the head and making their way steadily up field and exerting some pressure of their own. Billingham eventually extended their lead through Craig Willis and continued to dominate without playing as well as we know they can. After Blaydon conceded a penalty close to their line Billingham scored again when the ball reached Ben Gornall on the wing and he touched down in the corner. Craig Willis rounded off the scoring when he broke away after several attacking phases to beat the defence.

### **Full Time Billingham 25 Blaydon 0 Scorers B Gornall 2, C Willis 2, M Kirby.**

Well done lads, two wins, eight tries for, none against without playing as well as you can. Keep up the good work.

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## **Billingham Under 8's Rugby match report, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2004**

### **Middlesbrough V Billingham**

Playing at Blaydon Rugby Club, weather was excellent, sunny, no wind and the pitches were in good order. Within the 1<sup>st</sup> half both teams made a quick competitive start, Robert Colley got a try for Billingham in the first 3 minutes and then Middlesbrough scored another 2 trys within minutes of each other. Billingham showed determination and pulled through when Connor Lavender made a good pass to Ben Fox who went on to score a try, then Connor Lavender got tagged but Robert Colley managed to obtain the ball and scored again for Billingham.

Middlesbrough then struggled to score a try due to good teamwork from Ryan Jacques, Harry Burgum and Ben Fox showing determination on obtaining tags. Eventually Billingham gain possession of the ball and nearly scored but were prevented by Middlesbrough just keeping them away from the try line.

### **Half time score 3-3.**

In the second half Middlesbrough scored a try within the first 2 minutes, Billingham's Ben Fox and Connor Lavender did a good run but Ben's try got disallowed as Middlesbrough obtained his tag last minute. Billingham were held back by Middlesbrough's good defense they then went on to score an excellent try leaving Billingham behind.

Billingham's Robert Colley and Nicholas Windstanley both were unlucky as they both got trys that were disallowed, but Nicholas's determination pulled through when he found a space and made a good run and got a try. Middlesbrough and Billingham got a couple of good opportunities to score, but Middlesbrough just got lucky and scored a try right at the very end leading them to win the game final score.

### **Middlesbrough 8, Billingham 7.**

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### **Middlesbrough (2<sup>nd</sup> Team) u8s V Billingham u8s**

Both teams showed great determination to win this game. Within the first 2 minutes Middlesbrough scored, then Billingham's Nicholas Windstanley obtained the ball did a good run and crossed the line. Middlesbrough worked well together scoring another 2 trys. Billingham's Connor Lavender did a full run and got a try and then went on to score another try helped by good teamwork from Nicholas Windstanley. Good passes were shown by both teams but then Middlesbrough obtained another try just before the half time whistle went.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half Nicholas Windstanley from Billingham got another try but then Middlesbrough responded quickly by scoring aswell. Ryan Jacques obtained the ball, had a good run, got tagged and confidently passed the ball to Robert Colley who went on to score a try.

Billingham showed good defense and Middlesbrough weakened slightly by running off the line a couple of times giving Billingham access to the ball, but although Robert Colley, Ryan Jacques and Nicholas Windstanley worked well together no trys was given.

Middlesbrough's team then picked up and a couple of good run's and trys were scored due to some excellent passes. Billingham's Harley Whitehouse made a gallant attempt to try but did not realize he was off side, then Ben Fox obtained the ball, found a space made a good run, but got tagged and Ryan Jacques went on to score. Again Middlesbrough picked up and scored again just as the final whistle was blown.

### **Middlesbrough 7, Billingham 5.**

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### **Blaydon V Billingham (one half was played only)**

Billingham showed good defense as they kept Blaydon back, when Billingham finally obtained the ball Robert Colley had a good run, got tagged, nicely passed to Ben Fox who then passed to Nicholas Windstanley, Blaydon's good defense then put the pressure onto him causing Nicholas to do a forward pass in error. Billingham's Ryan Jacques showed determination and nearly scored a try but it got disallowed as he dived through a Blaydon player to do it. Blaydon and Billingham both displayed good teamwork and some excellent passes that lead to both teams doing good runs and getting trys

Billingham were very unlucky as Connor Lavender obtained the ball did an excellent run, but he was tagged very near the try line and no one from his team was behind him to help him., then Robert Colley nearly scored but was tagged at the very last minute as well. Both teams showed good defense tactics and Blaydon were unlucky as their last try got disallowed as their player dropped the ball on the line at the last minute.

### **Blaydon 3, Billingham 1.**

### **Report written by Emma Fox**