

BILLINGHAM RUGBY CLUB
NEWS LETTER
“THE LION”

**NEW SEASON
IS HERE**

Yes the new season starts this weekend and it promises to be a busy first week with all the senior and most of the youth teams playing matches the mini section being the exception. The seniors will have a few new faces playing with them as our current u18s are starting to break into the teams and have been training with them all through the closed season.

The Lion wishes all of them old and new good luck for the season ahead

LAST SEASON

Last season was a very good season for all the teams the u9s and the u12s won the Durham county cup which means this season u9s and u12s will have to defend it here at Billingham, The u10s also brought home the first cup of the season winning the Durham County

7s Cup, and this season are hoping to bring home more Silver wear, even the u17s got in on the act by winning the Fair play plate at the Houghton Festival considering *Scott STAMPER Thompson* was playing this was a very hard thing to win. The U16s had a brilliant start to last season after 5 games (6 Hours of Rugby) 5 wins 283 points for and none conceded, there season ended with 19 games played 16 wins - 3 defeats 697 for and only 122 conceded Richie there manager is convinced that they will better that tally this season and bring home some silver wear which they narrowly missed out in last season. ***This year the U16s will be the team to beat GOOD LUCK***

During the summer the u16s tried there hand at Rugby League a Touring team from Glasgow visited us this was the u16s first and only game which they won see match report opposite

Teesside Steelers

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Easterhouse
Panthers
(Glasgow)**

On a rain soaked Greenwood Road, Teesside Steelers first ever youth team, selected from the legendary B\ham U15 rugby union team tamed the Panthers. It was a great game to watch, played fairly, by two excellent sporting teams. A hard, bruising encounter but never bad tempered. Steelers led 6 to 0 at half time. In the second half, Steelers got another two, which were also converted and Panthers fought back into the game to score three, but only converted one of them. Steelers were excellent, in their first ever game, they overcame a more experienced Panthers team. Final score
Steelers 18
Panthers 14

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**WANTED
MATCH REPORTS
FOR
ALL TEAMS
YOUTH
AND SENIOR**

BIG THANKS TO BARBARA AND BOB

Billingham rugby Club would like to say a very big thank you to Barbara and Bob Lavander who have kindly bought new team kit bags for each team in the youth section,

FUN DAY

Wendys fun day over the August bank holiday weekend was a great success and we would like to thank all those involved for there help in making it such a good day well done !!

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

From the 1st September club memberships are due for renewal, Kate is on duty each Saturday in the clubhouse with membership cards, Craig Daley is also taking fees from the players. Youth section can pass there form to any team manager who will then pass it on for processing.

U15s TOUR

This years u15s will be going on tour to Baildon the tour dates are 29th 30th of April and the 1st May, We are also hoping that Npower and Darlington Building Society will be sponsoring the team this year.

North Yorkshire U18s Floodlit Competition

This seasons u18s are entering a mid week Floodlit competition with games hopefully played Tuesday nights, there are 4 groups of 4 teams and 1 group of 3 in the Billingham group there is Redcar, Guisborough and Billingham, we will play each team home and away then in the new year a playoff system arranged by a seeding system from the previous round will be set up this will involve having mid week games through out the season.

WANTED MATCH REPORTS FOR ALL TEAMS YOUTH AND SENIOR

I need your help in making the Lion if you can give me match reports, news, ect that I can put in the Lion this would be much appreciated you can email the Lion from the Billingham Rugby club wed site or me direct on norma.thompson@ntlworld.com